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To: Connecticut State Committee on Aging

Re: SB 139 Written Testimony

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Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express opposition to the provision in SB 139 which looks to require Housing Authorities to remove snow from elderly tenant vehicles.

First, we cannot always distinguish a tenant vehicle from a visitor vehicle.

Second, this would require the Authority to maintain a tenant's private property, expose the Authority to damage claims, require an inordinate amount of staff time and money, result in increased insurance costs and would most certainly result in rent increases to provide this service. The Authority takes care of the real estate and the tenant takes care of their personal property.

Also, most, if not all of the conditions in the tenant bill of rights is included in the policies, leases and rules and regulations of the Authority and an unnecessary intrusion into the landlord tenant relationship.

Although a nice gesture, I think this provision is ill advised and urge that you remove it from the bill for more careful consideration.

I thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,

Kevin Nelson
Stratford Housing Authority