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To the Honorable Members of the Housing Committee,

With regards to Proposed Bill No. 6133, I am glad to see consideration of a "warning" for landlords about the myriad of "Fair" Housing Laws. In my experience, these laws are anything but fair. Fair would mean fair to the tenant and fair to the landlord. I know people who have been severely caught by the unscrupulous lawyers attacking landlords with these laws. Where the tenant can appeal unlimited times for no reason, but the landlord has no right to appeal even with just cause. The legal fees alone can bankrupt a small landlord.

There are bad landlords who these laws were created to protect against. Unfortunately, the majority of people getting "caught" with these laws are not those landlords. Also, the first words out of the lawyers mouths are "how much are you willing to settle for". Take the government's money incentive out of the equation, so these laws can actually punish landlords who should not be landlords, and not "unlucky" landlords that get a unscrupulous applicant or have the audacity to actually own assets in America.

Sincerely,
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Waterbury Resident/Landlord