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Subject: House Bill 5342

My name is Sarah Burnham, and I live in my 3-family house in Waterbury.

While, I support the concept of fair and equal housing opportunities for all, I am upset after learning that anyone accused of violating the CT Fair Housing Law does not have equal protections under our current statutes that the accuser has and I think this is "Unfair" and needs to be fixed.

I encourage you to vote in favor of **House Bill 5342**. Currently tenants have unlimited appeal rights (reconsideration) and owners have none.

I would like to see the appeal rights of the owner and the tenants to be the same. How would it be "fair" otherwise? I am also concerned that the more assets an owner has, the more likely they are to be targeted by the Fair Housing Commission, with the outcome of a settlement being the immediate desire for the commission. Furthermore, any settlement obtained should go to the CT General Fund, not to the Fair Housing Commission. There should not be a monetary incentive for the Commission to assume the owner is guilty.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Thank You

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