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It is past time for the CT Legislature to reform the way housing discrimination complaints are being investigated. It is too easy for a complainant to find in his/her favor owing to a low standard of proof and lack of merit. The standard should be raised from 'reasonable cause' to "preponderance of evidence." to restore a sense of fairness to the owners of rental housing. As well, some form of affidavit language should be required when a tenant or prospective tenant alleges a violation of the fair housing laws.

I urge the Program Review and Investigation's committee to bring proposals to the full General Assembly in order that we truly have a "fair housing" policy in our state that is fair to both owners and tenants. Than you.