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To: HSGTestimony
Subject: Please Oppose HB5713 and SB54

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a CT landlord. I own a 3 family home and occupy one of the units as well.

I believe that people with criminal convictions should be able to get housing, and deserve a 2nd chance, but the way to do that is not to blind landlords. I have actually rented to a gentleman with a prior criminal conviction and he was one of the best tenants I have ever rented to. However, there is no better way to predict a persons future than to look at their past. This goes for criminal record just like it does for credit.

Tenants are counting on landlords to screen their neighbors and keep out the drugs and violence to the best of our ability.

Please don't prevent us from doing that.

Criminals are not a protected class and should not be treated as such.

Please oppose HB 5713 and SB 54.

Not being able to ask about a criminal record to a tenant is just silly. Please think about all the landlords and tenants who could become victims of this legislation if it were to pass. The state should leave this decision up to the individual landlord.

Respectfully,

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Sent from my iPhone