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To: HSGTestimony
Subject: Opposition to HB 5713 and SB 54

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a CT landlord with nearly a dozen units and currently looking to expand. I believe in giving people second chances, but people's past habits are one of the best indicators of their future behavior. I should be able to know their criminal history and decide if a tenant will be a good fit for my unit based on this information just as much credit and rental history. And I'm sure the neighboring tenants of my units would like to know that I've used the same process when selecting their potential neighbors as I have for selecting them.

Tenants are counting on landlords to screen their neighbors and keep out the drugs and violence to the best of our ability. The more information a landlord has, the better he/she can assess a potential tenant. 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 a huge disservice to landlords and tenants alike. Please think about all the landlords and tenants who could become victims of this legislation if it were to pass.

Sincerely,
Bryan A. Brown

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