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As a landlord in northeastern CT, I am writing in opposition to both HB #5713 and HB #54. I oppose the proposal to limit a landlord's ability to access a person's criminal history until after an offer of a rental agreement is in place. Why would I offer a rental agreement to an applicant with a criminal history? Why would I put my neighboring tenants in that position? Don't I have a responsibility to my law abiding tenants to not put a convicted criminal next door? Regarding HB #54, as important as Sen. Looney feels it is to protect the criminal who is seeking adequate housing, isn't it just as important to protect the existing tenants from living next door to a person with a criminal conviction? I believe we can all agree that the person with a criminal conviction has made some poor decisions, has been convicting of breaking the law, and may be associated with others who engage in similar behavior. What about the liability of the landlord if he were to unknowingly rent to a convicted criminal who engages in unlawful behavior on the rented property? It is imperative that CT landlords are provided with criminal background information in their quest to provide appropriate living accommodations for tenants.

Respectfully submitted,
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