

Chairmen McGee and Anwar, Ranking Members Zullo and Hwang,

On behalf of Connie Johnson, a constituent, I am in full support of HB 5124. Ms. Johnson's wish is to prevent families from facing hardship like the ordeal she endured.

This bill would require full disclosure to a prospective tenant by a landlord of a pending foreclosure on the property being rented.

In 2017, Ms. Johnson entered into a rental agreement at a property that was in foreclosure and was subsequently ignored by the landlord when her requests for proper maintenance were made.

Next was an auction sign in front of the property. After much legal wrangling, my constituent has found an alternative place to live, but not before court proceedings that would have been unnecessary if the landlord had just disclosed the property was in foreclosure.

Connecticut's Tenant Bill of Rights would be improved if it included disclosing foreclosure proceedings on a property being rented, not too much to ask in my opinion. Transparency in a rental agreement is paramount and that should include tenants being notified of pending foreclosure on the property they will call home.

Thank you,

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