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My husband and I are Landlords to several apartments in the town of Enfield and Windsor. I oppose the bill that denies us as landlords the ability to research criminal history on our prospective tenants.

- We should have the right to know of any criminal activity for persons we allow in our homes.
- We should be the ones who decide if the criminal act is something we feel comfortable with to accept them as our tenants. We would treat each applicant as an individual and take into consideration how long ago the crime took place, severity of the crime, and the age of the perpetrator when the crime took place.
- For the safety of our other tenants we should have the right to make sure they feel safe with other people they share the same house with. As many common areas are shared by all tenants.
- We have elderly tenants and tenants who have young children. Tenants trust us as their Landlord to select good people as their neighbors to prevent any trouble.
- Because of other CT laws Landlords already have a hard time getting eviction on a tenant once they are in, these bills will make our task finding good tenants very difficult.
- If you rented out a house that you own wouldn't you want to know more about the person before you gave them the keys to your home?

We take pride in making sure our tenants have a nice safe place to call home. However, with all of these bills that legislation is coming up with that penalize Landlords or further restrict our ability to provide safe, affordable housing it is becoming very discouraging to want to continue.

I urge you to oppose this bill.

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