

Testimony Of Nicholas Colavolpe Of New Haven In Support Of House Bill 6354 An Act Concerning The Renters' Rebate Program For Senior Citizens And Persons With Disabilities

Co-Chair Slap, Co-Chair Phipps, Vice Chair Lopes, Vice Chair Hughes, Ranking Member Kelly, Ranking Member Kelly and distinguished members of the Aging Committee, for the record my name is Nicholas Colavolpe and I am a Commissioner for Elderly Services in New Haven.

I am writing in support of the Renters Rebate Bill to help seniors. This is a program that helps with rent and utilities for those who are under a certain income who are disabled or are seniors.

Unfortunately, many of them can miss deadlines for filing due to delays in receiving notarized verification from a landlord. If their property has already been previously notarized they should be exempt from this requirements. The bill also allows for extension due to medical reasons if verified by a doctor.

In my experience working with Seniors at Bella Vista Senior Housing on the East Shore, I support both of these changes because I have found that they are not given enough time to comply given some of the current requirements.

Thank you for this chance to submit written testimony on this bill.

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