

February 18, 2021
Housing Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Senate Bill 354: An Act Concerning Rental Assistance Payments

Dear Members of the Housing Committee:

My name is Carlos Mouta and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony supporting S.B. 354. I currently own multiple residential buildings and I strongly urge you to pass this bill.

Since March of last year, landlords have been suffering. We have attempted to do the best for our tenants, with little or no compensation. Our expenses have continued to add up, but without the corresponding income. I have many tenants that have not paid anything at all for months, yet I still have many obligations.

This bill is really the only way for rental assistance to be successful. The purpose of paying rental assistance is so that the tenant is supported, but ultimately that rent payment allows the property owner to ensure that operating expenses can be made. Payment to the landlord directly ensures that those payments are being utilized correctly. In the end, this helps both tenant and landlord.

Sincerely,

Carlos Mouta