

**Name:** Anonymous 85 Anonymous 85

**Title:** In support of HB-5114

**Organization or Agency:**

**Topic:** HB05114 - AAE A REFUNDABLE CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR A PORTION OF ANNUAL RENT PAYMENTS MADE BY A TAXPAYER FOR A PRIMARY RESIDENCE IN THE STATE.

Supports

**Testimony:**

Ladies and gentleman of the Committee,

My name is Jen & I am a resident of Milford. I moved to Milford two years ago so my son could attend one of its fantastic high schools. I know that Connecticut is the kind of state where you have got to pay up if you want your child to have a good education. It was easier in Litchfield, where we lived previously and I owned a home because I was able to get tax credits for my mortgage interest. However, I couldn't afford a house in Milford. Most single moms like me can't afford to buy a house in Connecticut. The State of Connecticut should support families who do not have the means to purchase a home due to the high cost of housing in this state. One way to support families is through HB-5114, so families who already struggle with the cost of living can have a little relief. We should not be penalized because we don't have generational wealth.

I moved to Connecticut 23 years ago and am proud to live in this progressive state. While much of the rest of the country has wound back the clock on economic and civil liberties, Connecticut has stood strong to defend its citizens. I urge you to pass HB-5114 to show that you stand with Connecticut families, that you understand the longstanding cost of living crisis in this state, and that you are committed to making this state better for the people who did not inherit tax credits as their birthright.