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Clerk of Supreme Court  
Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules  
P.O. Box 1688  
Madison, WI 53701-1688

Subject: Petition 22-03 Eviction Record Retention

Dear Honorable Justices,

I am writing on behalf of the Dane County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in support of Petition 22-03 related to reducing the length of time eviction records are held. As an organization, we envision an inclusive community rooted in liberation where all persons can exercise their civil and human rights without discrimination. The Committee on Housing shall: (1) study housing conditions in the local community; (2) receive and seek to address complaints of discrimination; (3) oppose all restrictive practices whether public or private; and (4) disseminate information and render such other assistance which may eliminate discrimination in housing. We believe reducing the harm of eviction, while allowing rental properties to run effectively, is vital to the stabilization and dignity of our communities. We believe this Petition takes a step in that direction by advancing civil rights and quality of life options for Wisconsin residents.

“President Trump’s August 2020 Executive Order on evictions and foreclosures leave those facing the catastrophic upheaval of eviction with no immediate relief and without protection from imminent homelessness” said Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF). The Executive Order simply directs federal agencies ‘consider’ what measures might be taken to assist renters facing evictions.

Without adequate oversight, the eviction and foreclosure processes will serve up a domino-effect for families, removal from dwelling to loss of job to removal of children from school to leaving the community to homeless. This is unacceptable but preventable.

Therefore, we urge you to adopt Petition 22-03 to reduce the harm of eviction records by reducing the length of time they are held. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule.

Sincerely,

Gregory C. Jones, President  
NAACP Dane County