

Who Testified in Support of Right to Counsel bills?

On July 16, 2019 the Judiciary Committee held a hearing on right to counsel bills and the following people and organizations submitted testimony in support of a right to counsel in eviction cases.

Testimony Presented at the Hearing

1. Senator DiDomenico and Rep Rogers joined by Senato Jehlen, Rep Elugardo, Rep Nguyen, Rep Domb, Rep Connolly, Rep Barber, Rep Garballey, Rep Decker and Cambridge City Councilor Siddiqui
2. Rep Tyler, Rep Provost, Rep Sabadosa and Senator Comeford
3. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh
4. Rep Kahn and Mary Ryan, ***Boston Bar Association***
5. Ellen Shachter, ***City of Somerville Office of Housing Stability***
Ricky Hartmann, ***Community Action Agency of Somerville***
6. Khushbu Webber, ***United Way of Mass Bay***
Vincent Wisniewski, ***HomeStart***
Steven Farrell, ***Metro Housing Boston***
7. Annette Duke, ***Mass Law Reform Institute***
Renee Spencer, ***Mass Union of Public Housing Tenants***
Shelley Barron, ***Tenant Advocacy Project at Harvard Law School***
8. Mildred Valentin-Torress and Norieliz DeJesus, ***Chelsea Collaborative***
9. Rose Webster-Smith, ***No One Leaves in Springfield***
10. Nicole Summer, ***Harvard Legal Aid Bureau*** and Andrea Nickerson, ***Boston Tenant***
11. Isaac Simon Hodes, ***Lynn United for Change***
12. Lawrence E.J. Carty, ***City Life/Vida Urbana***

Written Testimony Submitted

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| 1. Congressman Joe Kennedy | 14. Justice Center of Southeast Mass |
| 2. Metropolitan Area Planning Council | 15. Karen White, Springfield and Melissa Hall, Chicopee |
| 3. Mass Teachers Association | 16. Western Mass Network to End Homelessness |
| 4. Mass Coalition for the Homeless | 17. Stop Bullying Coalition |
| 5. Mass Public Health Association | 18. Joel Feldman, Heisler, Feldman, & McCromick, P.C. |
| 6. Mass Smart Growth | 19. Nichole and Melvin Lewis, Chicopee |
| 7. Children's Health Watch | 20. Russell Engler, New England Law |
| 8. City of Chelsea, City Manager Tom Ambrosino | 21. Boston Citizens Housing and Planning Agency |
| 9. City of Chelsea, Police Department | 22. Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action |
| 10. Citizens Housing and Planning Agency | |
| 11. Mass Law Reform Institute | |
| 12. Mass Union of Public Housing Tenants | |
| 13. Tenant Advocacy Project | |