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The Honorable Patrick L. Carroll III
Chief Court Administrator
Connecticut Judicial Branch
231 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Judge Carroll,

We very much appreciate how the Judicial Branch took the initiative last month to ensure that tenants and homeowners were secure in their homes during the public health emergency called by the Governor. Because of the Judicial Branch's actions, hearings, judgments and executions of summary process as well as post-foreclosure ejectment were stayed until May 1, foreclosure sale Committees were barred from working on sales till May 1, and law days and sale dates were extended in line with that Committee deadline to June 2 and June 6. We write now to urge the Branch to extend those dates to July 1 for executions and Committee work, August 4 for law days, and August 8 for sale dates.

Such an extension would accord with the Governor's Execution Order 7X. Along with provisions regarding the payment of rent, the Order prohibits filing and service of summary process complaints along with delivery of notices to quit prior to July 1. It is grounded explicitly on the need to protect public health during a time where most of the state has yet to hit their hospitalization peaks.

Further, such an extension would help prevent confusion, given the extensive publicity surrounding to the Governor's Executive Order and the resulting public perception that evictions have already been postponed to July 1.

We sincerely acknowledge the strain that this pandemic has put on the Branch and its resources, and we appreciate your actions to date. On behalf of families living in poverty, and the newly unemployed and furloughed, we respectfully request ask that these protections be extended and we appreciate your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

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