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### **Connecticut Fair Housing Center Challenges Hartford Housing Authority's Retaliation Against Tenant**

(Hartford, CT) - The Connecticut Fair Housing Center filed a motion this week asking the United States Federal District Court to find that the Hartford Housing Authority illegally retaliated against one of its tenants.

The Center's client, Kennara Poteat, made a fair housing complaint to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) concerning the Hartford Housing Authority's handling of her request for a reasonable accommodation. The Hartford Housing Authority sought to stop Ms. Poteat's advocacy for her fair housing rights by seeking an injunction and an award of damages against her based on her filing her complaint with HUD.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits landlords from retaliating against tenants who make fair housing complaints. The Connecticut Fair Housing Center filed suit on behalf of Ms. Poteat, alleging violation of section 3617 of the Fair Housing Act. In its answer to the complaint, the Hartford Housing Authority admits that it took legal action against Ms. Poteat because she made a fair housing complaint against it with HUD.

The Center's motion, filed January 19, asks the Court to rule in Ms. Poteat's favor based on the admissions contained in the Hartford Housing Authority's answer.

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