Equality Commission

Notice to Quit Consultation Department for Communities Private Rented Branch Housing Division Level 3, Causeway Exchange 1-7 Bedford Street Belfast BT2 7EG By email: prs@communities-ni.gov.uk

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Re: Notice to Quit Consultation

The Commission welcomes the proposal to extend the Notice to Quit period for tenants in the private rented sector, providing tenants with more time to find suitable alternative accommodation.

Legislative amendments to notice to quit periods will provide greater security to tenants. We recommend that information be provided in methods and formats accessible to tenants and landlords both in terms of language and dissemination channels to ensure greater awareness of rights and responsibilities.

We recommend that the extension to notice to quit period incorporates monitoring and a schedule for evaluation and review. In addition, we recommend that actions are tracked not only in aggregate but also for the impact on individuals from each of the Section 75 grounds.

Yours sincerely

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