

**Raised Bill No. 6431 AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
JUSTICE-IMPACTED PERSONS**

**Housing Committee**

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My name is Reyna Sanabria and I'm 22 years old. I am a member of a youth group called Youth S.P.E.A.K.S., which stands for Supporting Policies and Enriching Any Kind of Services, from the Center for Children's Advocacy. I am a Hartford resident and student at Capital Community College.

In this group, we all experienced homelessness at some time in our lives. However, for some of us it is even harder to survive due to having a past criminal record. Most of us, young adults, have a criminal record for "stupid" things done when we were younger. Criminal records haunt young adults who want to get a job and get a decent place to live. Landlords as well as Property Managers don't take into consideration that we all make mistakes but we also can change and do better if we just have the opportunity.

I support this bill because it will help a lot of people so they don't go back to jail or add to the criminal record that they already have. After all, it provides the opportunity for Landlords to take into consideration how long ago was the crime and what type of crime was committed before denying a person looking to rent a property. This way the process is fair for people who have a criminal record.