TAKE V/O

IN THE TUESDAY MORNING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING COUNCIL MEMBER MCDUFFIE INTRODUCED A NEW BILL THAT WOULD TAKE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS OUT OF HOUSING APPLICATIONS

MCDUFFIE AND THE SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL HELP EX CONVICTS INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE STILL STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

TAKE SOT

DANIELLE LEDBETTER

“ I think there’s two side to this issue I definitely think landlord they’re trying to protect they’re property and they’re like I don’t want criminals I understand that but then on the other hand its like you know sometimes you need a second chance sometimes you just need that person to give you a break criminals need housing too”

TAKE SOT

NOAH WHITE

“ Yeah I think so to a certain extent like if I’m renting a home I want my home to be safe but if I’m not living there and the tenant is living there to a certain extent it can only be prejudicial “

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WOULD YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE LIVING IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD?

TAKE SOT

NOAH WHITE

“ I mean at the end of the day it’s really none of my business. If it’s that big of a deal they’re probably registered and things I could check on the Internet so I mean it none of my business”

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NOT MUCH HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE BILL. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE BILL WOULDN’T ELIMINATE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS ALL TOGETHER BUT WOULD REMOVE IT FROM THE INITIAL APPLICATION

STANDUP

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THE DC CITY COUNCIL HAS PROPOSED A NEW BILL THAT MAY BENEFIT EX-CONVICTS AND THE COMMUNITY MAY BE FOR IT

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