

# Rep. Clancy: Announces tenant protections including right to counsel during evictions

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Madison, WI – Today, Rep Ryan Clancy (D-19) released his 2025-26 Tenant Protection Package, bills written to provide new, critical protections for Wisconsin renters in an increasingly unstable economy. Several of the bills provide new powerful protections for people facing evictions, including establishing a statewide Right to Counsel (LRB-1214).

Other bills in the package authored by Rep. Clancy include:

- **LRB-4229 – Tenants’ right to organize**, protecting tenants’ right to self-organization without retaliation
- **LRB-0358 – Automatic record cleanup**, providing protections for tenants who defeat eviction actions
- **LRB-0362 – Extending the cure periods for termination with cause**
- **LRB-0363 – Disposition of property in evictions**, preventing landlords from seizing tenants’ personal property during evictions
- **LRB-0511 – Allowing small claims to hear illegal lockout cases**
- **LRB-0438 – Repeal prohibition on certain waivers** re private promises not to evict
- **LRB-0439 – Procedural safeguards before judgment is entered in a small claims eviction**
- **LRB-0391 – Recognizing discrimination as defense to eviction**

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**Rep. Ryan Clancy released the following statement:**

“Right now, landlords and developers have plenty of allies in Wisconsin’s legislature – unfortunately, that’s led to very few protections for renters while rents are spiraling out-of-control around Wisconsin.

That’s why we’re introducing this package of tenant protection bills, including a statewide right to counsel for people facing eviction in Wisconsin. Right to Counsel has been wildly successful in Milwaukee County. It’s kept hundreds of people in their homes since I authored and passed it in 2021– it should be in place statewide along with other critical protections in this package.

People who rent their homes in Wisconsin deserve fair treatment and dignity every bit as much as homeowners. Right now, though, they’re often subject to terrible living conditions, unfair eviction actions, discrimination, and other inexcusable treatment from landlords and their agents. In places like Minnesota, under siege by the federal government, many are facing evictions because they’re unable to leave their homes to work. We can and should act now to prevent similar tragedies in Wisconsin.

Our communities need quality, public and social housing, resources enjoyed in countries with far less wealth than the United States. As we pursue that, this tenant protection package is a necessary investment in housing justice and equity. I’m proud to continue leading on making these bills into law.”