

## RTCNYC Tool 12.3.3.12 Testimony Guide for the People's Tribunal on Evictions

Group testimonies should be no longer than 10 minutes

## **Key Data to Present:**

- Data from the Worst evictors website:
  - How many evictions
  - How many buildings and units do they own
  - How many lawsuits per household
- Data on conditions
  - Overall violations
  - Pending lawsuits

## Things to consider in testimony:

- What is it like to buildings owned by this landlord?
  - Harassment
  - Intimidation
  - Affordability
  - Repairs
- How are you threatened with eviction?
- Any stories/anecdotes from tenant attorneys you could share (or invite them to briefly present) about their tactics in court?

## Format of the Testimony:

- Be creative! You can use photos, video, or do a skit! You do not need to be limited to the norms of formal hearing structures.
- Individual stories matter but we want to show the collective impact here. So you could tell one story to highlight a larger impact (and think about theatrical ways to demonstrate this), but might be more effective to focus on telling a group story that a group of individuals prepares together.