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Chicagoland Apartment Association

House Amendment #2 – SB 3066 OPPOSE

The Chicagoland Apartment Association (CAA) is an association of multifamily professionals who own and manage over 225,000 market rate and affordable rental apartments across the state. **CAA OPPOSES House Amendment #2 to S.B. 3066**, as an ineffective measure to respond to the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Overall, we oppose House Amendment 2 to S.B. 3066 because we believe in the longer term it will do irreversible damage to the rental housing industry, making a bad situation worse, resulting in even fewer affordable housing options for those most in need.

Landlords believe those in need should get real relief, and we've been working in partnership with our residents during these difficult times. This bill would put a moratorium on evictions for 60 days for nearly ANYONE, as well as retroactively drop and seal evictions in ANY past case.

We want the ability to continue to help tenants by working with them to craft payment plans, and honoring those who have partnered with us during this pandemic period. This bill would block landlords' ability to claim unpaid rent, based on an assistance fund that is not likely to have enough funds to assist those in need. The true costs of ownership are not acknowledged, and we fear more people will be hurt than helped IF landlords cannot survive these challenging times.

Not once has this been posted for a public hearing, nor debated or negotiated with all parties, to understand the perspectives of all stakeholders. The timelines on this bill are so broad that its provisions could last for years. We call for assistance that those in need can rely on, and those who owe can plan on.

Please OPPOSE Senate Bill 3066, House Amendment 2.