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From: Betsy Benito, Director, Illinois Program, Corporation for Supportive Housing

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Re: HB 5574, HA 1 (Rep. Ramirez, Sen. Peters)

On behalf of Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), I am writing to support of HB 5574 COVID-19 Emergency and Economic Recovery Renter and Homeowner Protection Act. The bill provides protections and relief in this time of crisis to alleviate the uncertainty and fear Illinoisans are facing so that they can stay in their homes.

CSH is the national champion for supportive housing, demonstrating its potential to improve the lives of very vulnerable individuals and families by helping communities create over 335,000 real homes for people who desperately need them. Building on nearly 30 years of success developing multi and cross-sector partnerships, CSH engages broader systems to fully invest in solutions that drive equity, help people thrive, and harness data to generate concrete and sustainable results. By aligning affordable housing with services and other sectors, CSH helps communities move away from crisis, optimize their public resources, and ensure a better future for everyone.

CSH is working throughout Illinois with communities combating homelessness and increasing resources for housing and services. Homeless systems of care across the state will not be able to respond to the influx of homelessness due to economic conditions. In order to preserve existing housing, allow people to economically recover in the safety of their home, and prevent an influx of people into fragile systems of care we urge you to take action on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration and working together on behalf of the residents of Illinois.