

May 20, 2020

House Executive Committee

via email at HouseExecutive@ilga.gov

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

Executive Committee Members,

My name is Michael Chavarria and I write on behalf of Housing Choice Partners in support of HB 5574 HA1.

In this time of crisis and uncertainty, no one should fear losing their home. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, many Illinoisans have suffered a sudden and unexpected loss of income, which has left individuals, families, and small businesses vulnerable to evictions and foreclosures. When the Governor's state of emergency declaration expires, unpaid rental debt, late fees, and court costs that have accrued during this time against residential and small business commercial tenants will be due. The COVID-19 Emergency and Economic Recovery Renter and Homeowner Protection Act (HB 5574, HA 1) will ease the economic and public health burdens Illinoisans face. The bill provides temporary relief and protections to renters, homeowners, and persons in need of housing during and in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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