

Testimony In Support of the Emergency Homeowner & Renter Protection Act

Bill #: HB 5574 HA1 (in Executive Committee)

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Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

I am writing to you today in support of the Emergency Homeowner and Renter Protection act (HB 5574 HA1). This pandemic has only worsened the cracks in our society that harm the most vulnerable among us. Decades of policies that benefit the wealthy while starving the many have caused massive economic insecurity and suffering. The threat of the coronavirus means citizens must stay home in order to keep each other safe, but how can folks stay home if they are losing their ability to pay rent or their mortgage? Members of the organizations I am a part of are struggling. I know that the struggle is much larger than them.

We need rent and mortgage relief now. Will you stand by and put the economically insecure in harm's way or will you stand up for them and pass this bill? Please do the right thing and pass this bill.

Stay safe and be well.

Best,
Nicolas Reid