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Representing: Northside Action for
Justice

Supporting: HB-5574 HA 1 Emergency Rental and Homeowner Protection
Act

Testimony: We are strongly in support of HB 5774 HA1, then Emergency Renter and Homeowner Protection Act. Our members and the communities we represent, Uptown, Edgewater, Rogers Park and West Rogers Park were already ravaged by extremely high rents and gentrification. The pandemic has resulted in large numbers of residents either being unemployed or with severely reduced hours. This has turned a crisis into desperation.

We need the legislature to act now. The passage of this bill will provide some support and protections to tenants, small homeowners and building owners. It will provide some relief to desperate families, some support for building owners and protections for renters. To not act will mean that tens of thousands of families will be evicted and homeless, there will be vacant abandoned buildings and home foreclosures greatly topping anything that happened in the last recession and our communities will be destroyed.

We are urging you to act with courage and determination in the interests of your constituents and your districts and to vote yes on HB 5774 HA1. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Marc Kaplan- co chairperson, Northside Action for Justice