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Representing: Phyllis, i2i: Invisible 2 Invincible AAPI Pride of Chicago, and Edgewater Mutual Aid

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

Testimony:

I need Illinois to Cancel Rent (and mortgages) without interest or debt because both my roommates have lost their jobs due to COVID. Our right to shelter/housing should not have depend on income. In order for us to shelter in place, everyone needs a shelter. We also need to find a roommate soon, but I fear it is too dangerous to invite someone new to move into our home because it increases exposure and the potential vector points for infection. The pressure of making rent exacerbates the need to find a roommate, but finding a new roommate is a potential danger to everyone's health. It becomes a sad cycle of making rent so we need a roommate, but a roommate is a new potential health danger, so we shouldn't allow people into our home, but then the pressure of rent.

Please CANCEL RENT AND MORTGAGES, without interest or debt accrual!