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

Testimony:

I am in support of the Emergency Renter and Homeowner Protection Act, HB5574 because it brings real relief to the hundreds of thousands who are suffering income insecurity during this crisis. I live in Albany Park, one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the U.S. We are home to dozens of immigrant communities, and many of our neighbors are undocumented. So many of our undocumented neighbors have lost their jobs, are ineligible for any kind of government support and are hanging on by a thread. Without rent and mortgage relief, I fear that we will see an avalanche of foreclosures and evictions when the moratorium is lifted. This will threaten the health of families as well as our community at large.