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Honorable Executive Committee Members,

The Illinois Manufactured Housing Association is **OPPOSED** to Amendment #1 to House Bill 5574.

Our members take pride in delivering much needed affordable housing to citizens all across the State of Illinois. This legislative effort ties their hands and only makes it harder to do so.

The amendment seeks to address housing issues related to the economic disaster created by government's COVID-19 response, but in reality it does nothing to help the millions of affected residents or the property owners and lenders who are struggling to keep those residents in their homes. It contains numerous economically short-sighted proposals which have failed to deliver desired prosperity in other jurisdictions over the course of many decades. There is absolutely nothing progressive about recycling failed housing policy introduced more than 80 years ago.

While our organization might support meaningful and targeted relief efforts which future generations of the State can afford this legislative effort falls far short of that goal.

We ask for your No vote on this Amendment.

Respectfully,

Frank Bowman, Executive Director
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