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Representing: Jamie Corliss, 33rd Ward Working Families

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

Testimony:

I support the Emergency Renter and Homeowner Protection Act (HB5574) because we are in the midst of a pandemic and need to ensure that everyone has a home to stay in. Hundreds of thousands of people are experiencing economic hardships and at risk of losing their homes and they deserve to be protected. Friends and neighbors who have worked hard and been responsible tenants are still struggling to pay rent and need a chance to recover. Thus far, government emergency assistance has been insufficient - in Chicago just 2,000 people were offered housing grants while over 80,000 applied. A million people in IL have applied for unemployment. Landlords continue to file evictions even though they can't be carried out, setting us up for a crisis of homelessness as soon as the moratorium is lifted. In Chicago, even airport stores are getting rent relief, but not ordinary working people. Everyone deserves a place to live and I urge you to pass HB5574 to provide real relief for IL residents.