

To Members of the Illinois General Assembly's Executive Committee:

Now, more than ever, it is clear that housing *is* healthcare. A home is the best protection against COVID19. Everyone deserves a safe and stable home where they can shelter in place. I urge you to support the COVID-19 Emergency Renter and Homeowner Protection Act, HB5574 (House Amendment 1), recently introduced by Representative Delia Ramirez. This comprehensive bill provides financial relief for renters and landlords in need, establishes a 180-day moratorium on foreclosure and eviction proceedings, and expands protections for Illinoisans from housing discrimination. Please co-sponsor this bill.

As you know, many Illinoisans have been unable to make rent or mortgage payments because of income lost due to COVID-19. Others have no place to call home. While experts advise everyone to stay at home in Illinois and around the country, we must make sure everyone has a home of their own.

Thank you.