

I am writing to testify that I am strongly opposed to the current proposed changes to the moratorium on evictions in LC 45. I believe that this type of legislation transfers the pandemic housing crisis burden onto individual owners of rental property who are also strained under the pandemic crisis. I am concerned that legislators do not understand who owners of rental properties really are, they are working class people who have financed their rental properties with bank loans and who largely maintain these properties themselves in addition to other careers. The concept of passing the burden of what should be government aid onto another group of individuals is extremely short sighted and unfair. It is understood that the Legislators feel obligated to provide additional public benefit programs to those in need during this pandemic, and should use funds collected from all State taxpayers to support programs to help those in need. I believe that the proposed legislation attempts to trump contract law, opens a potential loophole for those looking to exploit the crisis in their favor, provides a tenant with control of the property under what could be a year long seizure and immunity, and does not address damages to the property and the financial responsibility for those damages. Thank you Kendall Hansen.