

Members of the House Committee on Housing,

I write to you today in strong support of HB 2372, which would eliminate no-cause evictions. No-cause evictions are cruel and destabilizing for vulnerable tenants. Having to find a new home and very possibly having an increased commute or a new school district for children is an enormous burden for any renter, but it is an especially huge burden for vulnerable low-income renters.

SB 608, passed in 2019, eliminated many no cause evictions, but it left too many exceptions. Currently, people in their first year of tenancy can still face a no cause eviction, as well as people living with the landlord, in a manufactured dwelling, or in a floating home. Evictions are a traumatizing and destabilizing event that no one should have to go through, especially without cause. Tenants in these circumstances deserve the same protections and housing stability that other tenants benefit from.

I urge you to move HB 2372 forward with a do-pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

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