



Senate of Pennsylvania

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Dear Senators and Representatives,

The COVID-19 pandemic began over a year ago. Millions of workers across the country lost their jobs or saw their hours cut; single mothers and working parents lost access to childcare and essential resources. Pennsylvanians faced unprecedented financial strain. For the past ten months, the federal eviction moratorium, first enacted in September 2020, has been a critical lifeline for working people and working families.

Unfortunately, on July 31, that moratorium expired. According to the US Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, taken in June of this year, that puts nearly 200,000 Pennsylvania renters at risk of eviction in the next two months. Because most renters at risk have three or more people in their households, including children, that means almost 600,000 Pennsylvanians are at risk of losing their homes. And this problem is not getting better: in June, more residents requested help with rent and utilities than in the three previous months combined.

We are writing to urge you and your colleagues to extend the federal eviction moratorium. The eviction moratorium has been critical for keeping low-income and working families in their homes as the pandemic has continued. And as we've seen this past month, the pandemic is far from over. Just today, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties were all classified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as counties with a substantial risk of transmission; as the Delta variant spreads, and cases continue to climb, it's as important as ever to support our most vulnerable constituents.

We appreciate your time and consideration for this important issue.

In Solidarity,

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