



Dear Chair Smith Warner, Vice-Chairs Drazan and Holvey, and Members of House Rules Committee,

My name is Kevin Cronin, I am a Housing Specialist and testifying as the President of AFSCME Local 3267, Homes for Good. Passing SB 278 is needed to prevent anyone who has applied for rental assistance from being immediately evicted.

SB 278 simply says that if you have applied for rent assistance, you can't be evicted for 60 days. It's the right thing to do and it gives enough time for the rent assistance to be processed during this time of record need.

Every day I respond to inquiries about our rent assistance and supportive housing programs. My co-workers are processing short term rent assistance applications. We're fighting a losing battle and we're facing an enormous cliff once the eviction moratorium expires. For some, SB 278 will mean the difference between staying in one's home and setting up a tent in the local park.

Please pass SB 278. It will help.

Sincerely,

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