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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: SB611

Hello to all our esteemed state representatives.

I wanted to talk to you about Senate Bill 611 before you vote. Rents are increasing at incredible rates, and so many of us cannot keep up. We have rented our house for 11 years. We love it here, and hope maybe, someday, we can save up enough for a down payment to buy it. Currently that is just a daydream, as our rent goes up every year. We have a large family, and those that can are contributing to the rent and other bills, but even so we are just barely scraping by. If our rent continues to go up, especially at the current rate of 14.5%, we'll be out on the streets. Those of us who can work are working, and I'm even studying to hopefully get a better job, but that's sometime in the future. Currently, we can barely meet our rent, the renter's insurance, utilities, food, car insurance, car payment...we don't have any extra for if the car breaks down, or if someone needs new shoes or new clothes. Please keep all of us renters in mind as you vote on Senate Bill 611. We need your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Toni Rakestraw