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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB54

Dear senate committee members on housing,

Please approve SB 54 to require landlords to provide cooling units to all renters. The stipulations should be changed to add that all landlords including those who rent out homes, and apartments should be required to provide cooling units, not only dwellings with 10 or more units. It's imperative to also provide funding support for the added electrical cost of using a cooling unit.

Folx who are low income will not be able to afford the additional costs to use a cooling unit in order to avoid heat exhaustion, illness and worse. I lived in an upstairs apartment unit for 7 years without a cooling unit. In the hottest days, I would sleep outside on the rotted balcony, as it was too hot to sleep safely inside the apartment. The apartment also had horrible black mold, dry rot, leaking windows and inadequate heat. Landlords need to be held accountable for renting out dangerous dwellings, and profiting off of low income folx.

Please support SB 54.

Regards,

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