

Submitter: David McCall

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3503

Chair Dexter and Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness:

I write to you as the Mayor of a small coastal community, and as someone who was a renter until recently.

As we are all aware, housing is in a crisis throughout the state, but it affects different communities in different ways. In my community I have seen rental prices triple during the past decade, while wages often can't even keep up with inflation. Many families cannot even dream of paying only 30% of their take home pay for housing, since they may currently be paying closer to half their money to keep a roof over their heads.

HB3505 is not the solution to all our problems, but it provides cities with a tool they can place in their toolbox in their efforts to protect renters so that their communities can survive. A vote in support of HB3505 is a vote to support local communities in their efforts to address the complex housing issues they face.

Sincerely yours,

David McCall

Mayor, City of Bay City