

Dear Members of the House Committee on Housing,

I am writing this at 4:30 am this morning because I cannot sleep. I was laid off due to Covid budget cuts in July of last year and have been unable to find gainful employment since. I have been living in the house I'm renting for just under four years and yesterday my landlord had her lawyers send me a 90 day eviction notice because she decided she wants to do improvements on the house. She states that along with the broken bathroom tile, that is about two years overdue not, she wants to re-do the kitchen and make the upstairs into two bedrooms. Neither items are essential work needed and without, there would be no reason to force me out of my home.

Without work, I will be unable to find another place to live and will become homeless like so many of our neighbors over the past several years, especially last year.

No cause evictions cause undue harm to people, our communities, when just existing in this day and age is a challenge.

Please move HB 2372 forward with a do-pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

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