

As an employee of Community Alliance of Tenants, my colleagues and I support several thousand tenant members, the majority of whom are suffering from financial setbacks from COVID-19, wildfires, and landlord harassment. Many of them are facing eviction and have not been able to pay rent due the aforementioned factors. They are in desperate need of protection from eviction and of financial assistance. Many have become homeless as well. Many were already low-income and financially stressed before last year's disasters. I ask that the bill be passed so that a study can ensue and to report and form recommendations for remedies for renters across the state.

Thank you for your consideration.