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Zoning and Building Committee Meeting
December 16, 2020

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67.	Shelmun Dashan	Chicago
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69.	Dewanna Brewera	Chicago
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71.	M.Garza	Chicago
72.	Yulanda Thomas	Chicago
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74.	Nan Parson	Action Ridge
75.	Veronica Bey	Chicago
76.	Tineeka Reed	Chicago
77.	Sherelynn Layne	Chicago
78.	Dorothy Lewis	Oak Forest
79.	Tawaina Dyer	Hazel Crest
80.	C M Schroeder	LaGrange
81.	Margaret Garus	La Grange Park
82.	Lynda Schueler	Housing Forward
83.	Becca Greenstein	Chicago
84.	David	Palos
85.	Wesley Epplin	Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
86.	Scott Kibler	Chicago
87.	Susan Armstrong	Housing Action Illinois
88.	Michael Chavarria	
89.	Eric Bostrom	Palos Heights

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| 90. | Rev. Colleen Vahey | Chicago |
| 91. | Javon Harris | BEDS- Plus |
| 92. | Dolores Pino | Chicago |
| 93. | Christine Spiller | Housing Choice Partners |
| 94. | Sis Sylvia L Lewis | Midlothian |
| 95. | Brittany Cohs | Worth |
| 96. | Carol Henton | Cook |
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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Gloria Parker
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: Leslie Corbett Chenoweth
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60655

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Taylor Belew
Organization (if any): Legal Council for Health Justice
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60602

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Taylor Belew, write to you on behalf of Legal Council for Health Justice (Legal Council) in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

The Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare. Research has long shown that people with chronic illnesses face better outcomes if they had access to stable housing. Housing is therefore a significant determinant of health.

Legal Council is a 30-year-old non-profit public interest law organization that engages in individual and class action litigation, and in policy advocacy to advance access to quality healthcare and protect the legal rights of people facing barriers due to illness or disability. Legal Council coordinates with partner organizations to advocate for systemic changes that improve health outcomes for our client communities, including securing healthy, safe, and affordable housing. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legal Council offers assistance to renters and homeowners and has a compelling interest in our clients' ability to remain housed during and after the health crisis.

Passing a strong, countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. Providing tenants with protections against retaliation, lockouts, and unfair lease terms gives security to tenants across Cook County. Clarifying and improving procedures for withholding rent and getting out of leases when defective housing conditions are not fixed helps encourage landlords to improve housing conditions and ensures tenants safer and healthier housing. Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all landlords and tenants in Cook County.

Finally, we all understand that securing basic protections for renters in Cook County will help in improving racial equity and racial health equity in the County. Communities of color, who are disproportionately affected by pervasive systemic racism in housing, are also burdened with higher morbidity and mortality rates for almost all diseases. We can and must address the harms that racism in housing and in health are visiting on our communities. To fail to do so, now, when the evidence could not be more plain, would be a moral failing of historic proportion.

Legal Council for Health Justice, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, strongly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Taylor Belew
Legal Council for Health Justice
17 N. State Street, Suite 900
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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Q1

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Witness Name: Carl Wolf
Organization (if any): Respond Now
City/Town: Chicago Heights
State: IL
ZIP: 60411

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My name is Carl Wolf. I am the Executive Director of Respond Now in Chicago Heights. Today I received a phone call from a case worker at another agency. She asked if I knew how to help a family in Blue Island who has had their electricity disconnected. They are renters and are not behind on their rent. The landlord is responsible for the utility bill, but it has not been paid. I suggested that they call a Legal Aid organization.

This is not a "sometimes" occurrence. We get calls to Respond Now all the time about illegal lock-outs and apartments in horrible conditions. It falls upon scrappy social service agencies, like Respond Now, to help these families who have been placed in this unfair predicament. And it costs the community, the tax-payers, county government, and so on because agencies like Respond Now rely on funding from these sources to pick up the pieces when there are unfair lockouts or unlivable conditions. IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.

Please vote in favor of the Residential Landlord Tenant Ordinance. Tenants deserve basic protections. That's all this is asking for. Landlords have their recourse for tenants who don't follow rules. Tenants should have proper recourse as well, for those landlords who don't follow rules. Because, again, it happens ALL THE TIME.

Thank you.

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Witness Name:	Sue Loellbach
Organization (if any):	Connections for the Homeless
City/Town:	Evanston
State:	IL
ZIP:	60201

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I write to you on behalf of Connections for the Homeless in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

While our agency is based in Evanston, which has such an ordinance, we serve people from over 40 municipalities in Cook County, most of which do not have the same protections. We can tell the difference.

The numbers of people contacting us for eviction prevention assistance have doubled since the pandemic began; we have spent twice the amount of prevention money; and the amounts of money that people need in order to remain in their housing has been increasing. At the same time, we are getting more and more legal questions about the very topics covered under this piece of legislation. Tenants do not know what protections they have, and our case managers are overwhelmed. We also live in dread of the day the eviction moratoriums are lifted, knowing that ordinances protecting landlords are different across the municipalities that we serve and that the agencies that specialize in legal assistance will be too busy to take all our referrals.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Therefore, I and Connections for the Homeless, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Sue Loellbach, Manager of Advocacy
Connections for the Homeless

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Q1

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Witness Name: Rebecca Sumner Burgos
Organization (if any): La Casa Norte
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60647

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I, Rebecca Sumner Burgos, write to you on behalf of La Casa Norte in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

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Therefore, La Casa Norte, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

La Casa Norte serve youth and families confronting homelessness. We provide access to stable housing and deliver comprehensive services that act as a catalyst to transform lives and communities.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Iszy Hirschtritt Licht
Organization (if any): Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60657

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Iszy Hirschtritt Licht and I write to you on behalf of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. We believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, I, Iszy Hirschtritt Licht, and the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

I am currently a renter in the City of Chicago who has benefitted from city regulations that define my rights and responsibilities as well as those of my landlord. This law is urgent to me because I believe that my neighbors in suburban Cook County deserve the same rights as landlords and tenants here in Chicago.

Further, our organization, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, works alongside immigrant communities in Cook County. We support this ordinance because we too often see landlords taking advantage of our neighbors. The RTLO will prevent this kind of abuse by providing strong regulations for all parties involved in the rental market.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Iszy Hirschtritt Licht
3221 N Sheffield Ave, Apt 3S Chicago, Illinois 60657

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Q1

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Witness Name: Luz Gonzalez
Organization (if any): Housing Choice Partners
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60605

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I Luz Gonzalez write to you on behalf of Housing Choice Partners in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

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Therefore, I Luz Gonzalez, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

** Our organization works in communities impacted by segregation, displacement, and disinvestment in the Cook County region. We strongly support this law for many reasons, but especially because this law will help further racial equity in Cook County.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Luz Gonzalez
Administrative Coordinator
Housing Choice Partners
401 S LaSalle St. Ste 1101
Chicago, IL 60605

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Witness Name: Kate Miller
Organization (if any): Legal Council for Health Justice
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60602

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Kate Miller, write to you on behalf of our clients at the Legal Council for Health Justice (Legal Council) in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

The Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare. I work on the Homeless Outreach Project and I see so many people that are living without a secure place to sleep. Research has long shown that people with chronic illnesses face better outcomes if they had access to stable housing. Housing is therefore a significant determinant of health.

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Legal Council for Health Justice, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, strongly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Kate Miller
Legal Council for Health Justice
17 N. State Street, Suite 900
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Robert Bartholomai
City/Town: La Grange Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60526

Q2

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The Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance is Item #20-3562

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I am voicing my opinion in opposition of this proposed ordinance. Illinois already has some of the strongest pro-tenant laws in the nation. Further regulation, will result in both increased rents and more rental units being take off the market. The government's interference in these valid, contractually agreed-to arrangements have the effect of removing renters' obligations while imposing new rules on landlords that are simply not required.

There is little incentive for a renter to pay rent when the remedy is a \$10 fine and the landlord can't evict the tenant, either because of an eviction moratorium or because, in Illinois, the process is so costly and time consuming. The board should stop treating renters as victims, when it is often landlords, who have no legal recourse against tenants. It is the landlords that must continue to pay their mortgages while hoping their tenants will pay what they owe.

Someone who rents a home for \$3,000 a month will not be encouraged to comply with his/her rental terms when faced with a \$10 fine. The threat of having to pay damages and attorneys' fees further disincentivizes making more rental property available.

There is a reason Illinois keeps losing residents to other states and this proposed rule is one example. Other states are growing and attract new companies while Cook County is more interested in punishing those small entrepreneurs who try to build a better future for themselves and their families.

I urge you to vote NO on this proposed ordinance.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Mia K Segal
Organization (if any):	Legal Aid Society
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60602

Q2

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File ID number 20-3562

Q4

What do you want to do?

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Q5

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Dear Commissioners:

I, Mia K. Segal, write to you the Legal Aid Society, in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially evident that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. [We or I] believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, the Legal Aid Society, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

The Legal Aid Society, founded in 1886, is the oldest provider of legal aid services in Illinois. Among our four distinct practice groups, our Health, Housing & Economic Stability practice group serves hundreds of low income tenants each year in eviction defense, condition and repair issues, illegal lockouts, and security deposit recoupment, among other things. This Cook County ordinance for residential tenants and landlords will provide a common language and set of expectations under which all can operate more efficiently and equitably.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Mia K. Segal
Managing Attorney
Health, Housing & Economic Stability
Legal Aid Society
312-986-4138

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Q1

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Witness Name: David E Jacobs
Organization (if any): National Center for Healthy Housing
City/Town: Oak Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60304

Q2

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December 14, 2020

I write to you on behalf of the National Center for Healthy Housing in support of the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562). We have been involved in lead poisoning prevention and healthy homes since 1992. We have worked with jurisdictions across the country in adopting similar laws and look forward to working with the County on this new and important initiative.

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Therefore, the National Center for Healthy Housing, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly supports the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

The National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation with a mission to transform lives by transforming housing. Through meaningful partnership, practical research, community capacity building, and data-driven advocacy and awareness building, NCHH creates systems and structures that reduce disparities

Sincerely,

David E Jacobs, PhD, CIH
Chief Scientist, National Center for Healthy Housing
Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Robert Cox
Organization (if any):	National Association of Realtors, Member
City/Town:	Orland Park
State:	IL
ZIP:	60462

Q2

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Respondent skipped this question

Q4

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Q5

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I oppose all government regulations that take away rights of free market enterprise, the rights of the landlords, or the rights of the tenants. Government regulation is wrong to impose on anybody. Let people be free, for the people and by the people....we do not need nannies to interfere with anything. All you are doing is taking away someone's rights and giving their recourse to somebody else. Tyranny is always supposedly for the good of humanity. Stop the damn laws. If a tenant is mad...leave. If a landlord is hurt...get a new tenant. Government should stay out of it. Licenses are just taking our rights and selling them back to us. ENOUGH!

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Rita Hiram
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60646

Q2

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Please protect renter's rights.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Catherine Johnson
Organization (if any):	Housing Choice Partners
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60605

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

Housing Choice Partners is in support of the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562). This endorsement is rooted in 25 years of experience providing direct services to renters in suburban Cook County, and watching countless clients fall victim to "bad apple" landlords taking advantage of families who cannot afford to lose their housing. The protections offered by the RTLO, should it pass, are crucial to creating a fair rental housing market for all.

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

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Therefore, Housing Choice Partners, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Housing Choice Partners is a private non-profit organization created in 1995 to promote racial and economic diversity in housing. Housing Choice Partners works to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty through empowering low-income families with housing vouchers to make expanded housing choices where they may be able to root their families for long-term stability.

Thank you for your time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Catherine Johnson
Deputy Executive Director

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Q1

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Witness Name: Lovetta Anderson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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Renters need fair laws.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Shelmun Dashan
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60642

Q2

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I was a legal aid attorney who represented low-income tenants from Chicago and other parts of Cook County in eviction cases a few years ago. Aside from the incredible difference it made to my low-income clients whether they had Chicago RLTO protections or not, I have helped numerous of my middle class friends whose landlords would not make repairs, or wouldn't return security deposits, or who threatened retaliatory actions against them, or would attempt to make unannounced entry to the rented unit. In every instance, because of the RLTO and the consequences the landlord would face, they landlords always ended up doing what they were supposed to do in the first place and my friends were able to go on with their lives and continue paying rent instead of trying to break their lease or going to court.

One important reason to adopt this law is that it gives landlords who might want to cut corners a good reason not to. Without clear rights and consequences, tenants are left at the complete mercy of their landlords and often it's not better for either party. A wronged tenant who feels they have no recourse may choose not to renew their lease creating turnover where maybe a landlord who - to avoid having the tenant withhold rent to make repairs - just makes the repairs and maintains a better relationship with the tenant. Additionally, it provides clear rights and responsibilities which can help lower the temperature and stop disputes from needless escalation.

Yes, this ordinance gives tenants more substantive rights, but one of the very important things it does is provide much better incentives for landlords to do what they are supposed to do anyway.

If you don't think it is good policy for landlords to refuse to make needed repairs, or refuse to return security deposits (that many people need to pay to their next landlord), or to retaliate against a tenant for making a valid complaint, then you should support this ordinance which provides the needed incentive for landlords to avoid doing those things.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Jenna Prochaska
Organization (if any): Health Justice Project, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60611

Q2

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Please refer to document attached to 12/14/2020 email.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Dewanna Brewera
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60644

Q2

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I/ We strongly support the RTLO. I/We urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Antonio Gutierrez
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Yulanda Thomas
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60617

Q2

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I strongly support RTLO I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioner's to pass the ordnance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: M.Garza
City/Town: Chgo
State: IL
ZIP: 60613

Q2

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Strongly support the RLTO...I am personally involved with a security deposit dispute in court with my old landlord.. If this ordinance is not passed, tenants have little hope of being treated "fairly" when it comes to taking taking landords to court! Especially landlords(Plewa & Plewa inc.) like mine, that have lawyers on their payroll!

That are "friendly" w certain judges! He owns 20-25 buildings!

Average 15-20 apts.! You feel intimidated... most of his tenants are illegal immigrants(Poland an Mexico)...I just feel they get away with to much!! It's NOT fair to tenants!! Just imagine if there were no RTLO!?! Or No tenant rights??

#73

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Cosette Thomas
Organization (if any): (optional)
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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I Strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board Of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Nan Parson
Organization (if any):	Action Ridge
City/Town:	Park RIDGE
State:	IL
ZIP:	60068

Q2

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I support the Suburban Cook Co renters' protection legislation.

#75

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Veronica Bey
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60659

Q2

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RTLO in favor of them

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Q1

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Witness Name: Tineeka Reed
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60615

Q2

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I strongly support the RTLO. I urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to pass the ordinance this week.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Sherelynne Layne
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60653

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Dorothy Lewis
City/Town: Oak Forest
State: IL
ZIP: 60452

Q2

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Please note: This form was submitted earlier but accidentally excluded the written testimony. Please see below.

I am writing today to provide testimony as a resident of Oak Forest, IL and to urge you to vote "yes" to pass the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

One consistent thought I've had when hearing horror stories from my fellow renters is a feeling of helplessness. These are two very personal reasons for supporting passage of the RTLO ordinance. The first reason is that this ordinance will provide long-overdue and essential protection for Cook County tenants who find themselves the victims of unscrupulous landlords.

My second reason is that this feeling of helplessness we tenants experience when being exploited by landlords will finally be validated & mitigated. Thank you for taking the time to hear my statement. Please pass the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance as it is now.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Dorothy Lewis

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Q1

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Witness Name: TAWAINA Dyer
City/Town: Hazel Crest
State: IL
ZIP: 60429

Q2

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I am in favor of tenant/landlord zoning ordinance

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Q1

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Witness Name: C M Schroeder
City/Town: LaGrange
State: IL
ZIP: 60525

Q2

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Not enough input from small landlords. Once you have literally walked in our shoes, then a meaningful discussion can commence

#81

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Q1

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Witness Name: Margaret Garus
City/Town: La Grange Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60526

Q2

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These times are not a good time to pass any more limitations on Landlords.

Landlords are already burdened with most financial problems.

Memorandum on evictions. Tenants don't have to pay rent but landlords still have to pay the mortgage.

If something is to change please look into helping landlords deal with issues.

As a landlord I am looking to move my business to another state; as Illinois, Chicago, and cook county become burdensome for Landlords.

What happened to free markets. If I don't like a landlord or the property I am free to move anytime. I don't understand tenants that are staying in the properties that they do not like.

However, as a landlord to get the tenant out your only option is the cook county court. And we all know how long an eviction takes.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Lynda Schueler
Organization (if any): Housing Forward
City/Town: Maywood
State: IL
ZIP: 60153-3241

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing to you on behalf of Housing Forward, an organization in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

Dear Commissioners:

County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance. Passing a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate. This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit. These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County. Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection. [We or I] believe the time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

Therefore, Housing Forward, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Housing Forward is an agency serving the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in 27 communities in west suburban Cook County. There is an urgent need right now to give renters protections so they don't lose their housing.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,

Lynda Schueler
Executive Director
Housing Forward
1851 S. 9th Ave.,
Maywood, IL 60153

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Q1

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Witness Name: Becca Greenstein
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL

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Please move the RTLO to a full vote and pass protections for tenants and landlords.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: David
City/Town: Palos
State: IL

Q2

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Please note that I am not using my full name or full address of fear of retaliation that I experienced in the past.

Hello,

My name is David and I live in Palos. I ask you to support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

I want to tell you about my experience as a renter. The day I viewed the apartment that I live in, the landlord took me around the unit and made a point to show me all of the appliances, and to especially point out the air conditioner wall unit. As we entered the kitchen, I opened the refrigerator and noticed it was not cold. He told me he would have someone look at it. I thought this meant he was going to have it fixed and that it was his responsibility.

The apartment had what I needed and we signed the lease. He never had anyone look at the refrigerator before I moved in. I mentioned it to him again while living there; he said check the temperature control and when I checked it, it was on the coldest setting. I brought it up to him again, told him I had to throw a lot of good food away. He told me his wife throws away food all of the time. It was clear that he was not going to fix the refrigerator or any other problems in the unit.

When summer came and the heat reached inside temperatures of over 95 degrees, I thought of when I toured the unit and the AC unit was pointed out. I was sorely disappointed that the air conditioner did not work either.

I wanted to check the lease, but I could not find my copy and he refused to give me a copy. I eventually tracked down a copy and found out the appliances were not covered. The landlord was not responsible, but when he showed me the apartment, he had led me to believe the appliances were provided and covered. Now I am on my own to fix everything!

The landlord also tries to change the terms whenever he wants. For example, when I moved in, I had a '94 Ford Thunderbird I was cleaning up. I had it parked right outside the apartment in the parking lot like the rest of the tenants without any issues. After I got rid of the Thunderbird, I got a truck and before parking it out of the way in the back parking lot, I asked the landlord about parking, he said "you cannot park trucks here." I said, "There are two trucks parked in the back right now, a pickup and a van," he said "give me \$150 per month." He does this all the time, he sets new terms on the spot. I know he does not charge any of the tenants for parking.

Please pass the Cook County Tenant Landlord Ordinance to make being a suburban renter fair.

Thank you!
David

#85

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Wesley Eplin
Organization (if any): Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60642

Q2

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From a public health and health equity perspective, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group supports passage of the Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Health & Medicine urges all Cook County Commissioners to support this ordinance to protect tenants and promote the health and wellbeing of the public.

#86

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Scott Kibler
Organization (if any): self
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60643

Q2

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Dear Commissioners:

I Scott Kibler write to you in support of Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

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Therefore, I Scott Kibler, alongside community partners and tenants of Cook County, firmly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance.

Thank you for time, attention, and support of this critical ordinance.

Sincerely,
Scott Kibler
10841 S. Longwood Dr.
Chicago, IL 60643

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Susan Armstrong
Organization (if any): Housing Action Illinois
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60657

Q2

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Our organization works with tenants from all walks of life in the Cook County region. We strongly support this bill on behalf of the families currently navigating rental interactions without basic regulations, creating an environment ripe for confusion and abuse. The RTLO will create a more clear and fair system for all parties in our rental market.

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Q1

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Witness Name: Michael Chavarria
ZIP: 60643

Q2

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I am writing to ask that the Cook County Board of Commissioners give to suburban renters at least the level of protections that Chicago renters have had for 30+ years. I ask you to do this by passing the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance this week.

Most landlords, I would say, are good business owners, who pride themselves on providing quality housing, but not all. And there is no reason why this county should continue to tolerate those bad landlords. I have spent my career working in Fair Housing and much of that time was spent in the suburbs of Cook County, where I happened to have been raised. In both my personal and professional lives I have heard countless stories of terrible rental conditions. From landlords that "pop" into the unit without notice or reason, while a tenant is getting out of the shower or sleeping. Heaters that go unfixed for years, so a family has to heat the unit with an oven because they can't afford a space heater and know the gas can't get shut off in the winter. I remember a suburban renter who was elderly, recently blind, and living alone who had a landlord cut her electricity off because she would not pay his rent increase despite a signed lease agreement that prevented him from making any increases. These are just a few brief examples I have hundreds more. And please do understand, that when people call with these types of issues, if there wasn't a federal or state law being violated, then there was nothing I or anyone could do to help because while they were being treated in a way we would all agree no person should be treated, no one had yet given them the right to be treated fairly. Now is the time to fix all of that.

Please pass the RTLO.

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Eric Bostrom
City/Town: Palos Heights
State: IL
ZIP: 60463

Q2

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20-3562
Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance

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Parts of this ordinance are far too vague. There are encouragements for tenants to act in certain ways but there is no accountability if they do not act properly. And there is no remedy for the landlord if the tenant does act this way.

Conversely, there are specific accountability measures and remedies if landlords do not act properly.

These inequities must be addressed before this ordinance is enacted.

Please form a committee of landlords and tenants to work through this ordinance to come to a fair and balanced approach so we are all equally accountable and have a path forward when either party steps outside the rules.

Thank you.

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Witness Name:	Rev. Colleen Vahey
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60644

Q2

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Witness Name: Javon Harris
Organization (if any): BEDS- Plus
City/Town: La Grange
State: IL
ZIP: 60525

Q2

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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name: Dolores Pino
Organization (if any): self
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60625

Q2

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I strongly support the Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance (Item #20-3562).

More than 245,000 renter households live in Cook County communities without a comprehensive landlord-tenant ordinance.

Enacting a strong countywide ordinance will increase stability for both renters and landlords by clarifying their roles and responsibilities to make the rental process easier and fairer to navigate.

This will increase housing security amidst a precarious rental landscape made even more difficult by the ongoing pandemic, when it is especially clear that housing is healthcare.

This ordinance will create safeguards against illegal lockouts, protections against leases that eliminate basic renter rights to termination notices, procedures for withholding rent until building condition problems are addressed, protections from retaliation, and requirement of notice before a landlord enters the unit.

These provisions are far from novel; renters in Chicago, Evanston and Mount Prospect have benefited from similar ordinances for decades.

Housing is a basic human need, and the provisions in the proposed ordinance will establish a minimum standard of rules and regulations for all residents of Cook County.

Both tenants and landlords deserve dignity and protection.

The time to provide basic protections to all residents of Cook County is long overdue.

I am a renter in the City of Chicago who has benefitted from city regulations that define my rights and responsibilities as well as those of my landlord.

This law is urgent to me because I believe that my neighbors in suburban Cook County deserve the same rights as landlords and tenants here in Chicago.

Thank you.

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Witness Name: Christine Spiller
Organization (if any): Housing Choice Partners
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60612

Q2

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Witness Name: Sis Sylvia L Lewis
City/Town: Midlothian
State: IL
ZIP: 60445

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Q1

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Witness Name: Brittany Cohs
City/Town: Worth
State: IL
ZIP: 60482

Q2

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I am writing to support the proposed Cook County Residential Tenant Landlord Ordinance. This is important to me and my family because we faced the consequences of not having an RTLO to protect our rights as renters in Cook County. In 2018, after renting a condo for 5 years in Crestwood, IL, my family sought to follow our dreams of becoming homeowners. During our time as renters we had an overall good relationship with our landlord, seemingly one of mutual trust and respect. We were shocked when, after moving out, we received a letter stating we would not receive our security deposit of \$1,200 back.

We were baffled, we treated this dwelling as if it was our own. My husband is an engineer downtown and is very handy, so in saying this we were able to fix many things on our own in the condo unit. We would go above and beyond and take time to let our landlords know about any new water spots, deterioration of the ceilings, or WE would schedule maintenance for the unit on our own. We spent the last 3 days of our lease, bleaching, carpet cleaning, painting, wiping down and washing walls. To be honest many of our friends and family were surprised at just how much work we were putting into making our old unit in the best shape possible.

We put so much work into our rental because first, we felt obligated to do so as good renters, and secondly because the security deposit of \$1,200 was critical to us purchasing our new home. At that time, \$1,200 felt like 1 million dollars! But instead of getting our security deposit back as hoped, we were slapped with a \$12,000.00 bill! They sent an itemized list of everything in the condo they felt needed repair, it was basically a gut rehab! We then contacted our real estate lawyer, who although acknowledged the charges seemed very far fetched, they advised us not to fight for our security deposit because the attorneys fees alone would make the cause a wash for us.

In the end, we walked away without our security deposit, robbed of the time and energy we put into making our rental condo almost better than when we began to rent. We were told this happens often, renters in Cook County are simply not guaranteed their security deposit back. In this time of a pandemic people need help and should not fall victim to being taken advantage of. I think of people on social security, or single parents trying to work full time, and do e-learning with their children, on top of finding stable child care, or anyone right now looking for a job and just staying a float. In this time, I believe in reasonable conditions that security deposits should be returned, and a suitable, responsible security deposit should be given. I'm not sure we're asking for much just everyone to be treated equally, fairly, and respectfully. We have a duty to each other, especially now to help one another and lift each other up.

This is why we need the Cook County RTLO, please vote yes!

Thank you,

Brittany Markley

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City/Town: Cook
State: IL
ZIP: 60620

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: Felicia Cooksey
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60619

Q2

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Q1

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Witness Name: Sharon Norwood
City/Town: Evergreen Park
State: IL
ZIP: 60805

Q2

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Good Morning Commissioners, I am submitting my statement in full favor of the RTLO. Tenant's deserve protection from predatory Landlord's. I know because I lived in A Nightmare for 11 years Begging for help, following all the rules and I still got illegally evicted. As Commissioners you have A Moral Obligation to your constituents. This Ordinance is Long Overdue and were in the middle of A Pandemic. People have lost their jobs and can't put food on the table for their children so the last thing we need to worry about is our housing stability. Please put yourselves in our shoes and take into consideration that people don't just stop paying rent and now more than ever an established Ordinance needs to be in place for the Suburban area of Cook County. Thankyou

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Witness Name: Tamika Anderson
City/Town: Chicago
State: IL
ZIP: 60637

Q2

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Witness Name: John Warren
City/Town: North Riverside
State: IL
ZIP: 60546

Q2

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The Residential Tenant and Landlord Ordinance is Item #20-3562

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Thanks so much for the opportunity to make my voice heard. Although I disagree with many of the proposed changes, I wanted to start by acknowledging the intent of the ordinance to protect renters and to provide affordable, safe housing. This proposed legislation is undoubtedly being made with the best of intentions, but the legislation will do the opposite of what was intended.

By making security deposit requirements onerous, and removing move in fees the proposed RLTO will hurt landlords. As a landlord who has been stiffed, cleaned up filth, cock roaches and bed bugs brought in by previous tenants, and generally dealt with poor tenant behavior, I can tell you that security deposits and move in fees are there to protect the landlord AND the other tenants in the community. With the proposed changes to the law on security deposits, landlords will be forced to take a poison pill. We can operate with no security deposit and take the risk, or we can forgo the deposit and hope the tenant keeps the peace and leaves the unit in sanitary condition. I can tell you from experience that landlords and existing tenant communities will suffer, while the handful of bad tenants will win.

In addition, the burdensome legislation takes away the ability to impose a fair late fee. \$10 for a late fee is a laughably small amount, and it will do nothing to encourage timely and responsible payment by tenants of their rent. Rent pays taxes and local utilities, and with missed rent will eventually come delinquency from landlords on taxes and utilities. This in turn hurts property values, which affects Cook County as a whole.

The proposed legislation also imposes a myriad of other nuisances to landlords such as requirements to store tenant's abandoned furniture and belongings, disclosure of utilities for the past 12 month's that a landlord may not even have access to, and other changes related to evictions. My final question for the committee is why in the world would this proposed legislation be brought forth now when landlords, property managers and housing providers have been hammered by the pandemic. We have not been able to evict ANY tenants for the past nine months, and the court system has already shown that evictions will not be an effective tool again for many months to come.

If the RLTO is designed to help encourage affordable, safe, clean housing in Cook county, it is doomed to failure. I implore the committee to take the time to get in touch with property managers, housing organizations, realtors and other stakeholders so we can work together to create a better solution to the issues that we have on hand.
