

Subject: Philadelphia Landlords Fighting Foreclosure

To: (Name of Elected Official)

Dear (Name of Elected Official)

My name is (Your Name). I'm a landlord in the City of Philadelphia, and I'm worried.

The fear of the spread of Coronavirus is keeping everyone home, and now more than ever, home is exactly where we need to be.

The directives from the federal and state levels are the same: renters cannot be evicted from their homes for failure to make a payment. I understand and support this move. But the reality is, no one knows how long this injunction may last.

Therefore, I'm asking that you push legislation for immediate financial relief for landlords like myself, potentially in the form of a grant. As a small business owner, my ability to feed my family and pay my bills rests squarely on renters paying theirs.

The opportunity for small business owners to apply for low-interest loans via the SBA is a step in the right direction. But money lost will not be recouped, and if we landlords can't keep our heads above water and our properties out of foreclosure, cities like Philadelphia could suffer a devastating and irreparable housing shortage. This is especially concerning in Philadelphia where approximately fifty percent of residents are renters and three-quarters of renters are of low to moderate income.

We're not there yet, so now is the time for your immediate support of financial relief for landlords to assure that when the next crisis hits, we all have the continued protection and comfort of a place to call home.

Sincerely,

(Your Name) (Your Address) (Your Email) (Your Phone)