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Please find below an opposition letter to SB 222 from the City of St. Louis Department of Human Services Director; I am writing to oppose SB 222 and respectfully request you vote 'no' on this bill. During the pandemic, eviction moratoriums helped households at risk of eviction as the economy suffered from the COVID-19 pandemic. The moratoriums assisted families and children stay in place and stay safe as the virus spread. St. Louis, like many communities in Missouri, struggles with affordable housing for renters. The COVID-19 pandemic caused an unprecedented impact on low-income renters struggling to make ends meet as the cost of rent increased for St. Louis residents. Nationally, asking rents increased by 15 percent in February 2022, which put an estimated 150,000 to 230,000 Missouri households at risk of eviction of the 802,535 Missouri renter households. In St. Louis City, we estimate that 37,000 households are cost-burdened by rent. Collectively, they pay more than \$100M more in rent than they can afford every year. The previous eviction moratoriums in the City of St. Louis during the pandemic were enacted by the Missouri Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit to suspend eviction for nonpayment of rent. Evictions could still move forward for the following: (1) Engaging in criminal activity while on the premises; (2) Threatening the health or safety of the other residents; (3) Damaging or posing an immediate and significant risk of damage to property; (4) Violating any applicable building code, health ordinance, or similar regulation relating to health and safety; or (5) Violating any other contractual obligation, except non-payment of rent. The moratoriums were coordinated with resources, such as rental and utility assistance and mediation, which benefited low-income renters and helped make landlords whole. Emergency Rental Assistance programs are coming to a close locally and at the state, while the need is still great to support renters and landlords. The Missouri Housing Development Commission is closing the State Assistance for Housing Relief Program as it continues to fund 3,500 to 4,000 applications per week. The City of St. Louis is exploring options to continue rental and utility assistance to support renters and make landlords whole. Eviction moratoriums are potential policy tools utilized to help families and children stay in their home as nonpayment for rent is resolved. These tools working together have shown results in being able to pay landlords for a tenants rental arrears, forward rent, and utilities. The eviction moratoriums are rare policy tools necessary to save lives and help protect citizens. The COVID-19 pandemic has not been easy, especially for our small business owners and low-income families. To ensure a successful recovery from this pandemic, and to prepare in case of future emergencies, we must ensure we have this tool available to local governments. Sincerely, Dr. Yusef Scoggin Director City of St. Louis, Department of Human Services



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I urge you to oppose Missouri SB222 (Trent), which seek to limit the ability of local governments to impose eviction moratoriums during times of crisis. The proposed bill would prohibit cities, towns, and counties from issuing any order or ordinance that would prevent landlords from evicting tenants for any reason, including nonpayment of rent, even during a declared state of emergency. This would leave vulnerable residents without any protections, exacerbating the already dire situation that many Missourians are facing. Furthermore, the bill would likely be in conflict with the legal authority of local governments to protect public health and welfare. Under Missouri law, local governments have the power to enact ordinances that promote the general welfare of their communities. This includes the authority to impose eviction moratoriums during times of crisis to protect public health. In addition, the proposed bill may be in conflict with federal law. If SB222 were to become law, it could lead to legal challenges and confusion, as local governments and landlords would be unsure of their legal obligations and rights regarding eviction proceedings. This could result in costly and time-consuming litigation that would further burden the court system and undermine the ability of local governments to protect public health and welfare. Therefore, I urge you to oppose SB222 and any other measures that would limit the ability of local governments to enact eviction moratoriums during times of crisis. By doing so, you will be helping to protect the health and well-being of vulnerable Missourians



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