

Resolution No. T-2022-02-004R:

A Resolution in Support of HB 2775 Barring Source of Income Discrimination and Protecting Rental Assistance Recipients

WHEREAS, throughout the State of Illinois, and country, countless applicants are being turned away from available housing opportunities simply because landlords or property management companies choose not to accept their legal form of payment. This includes Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Housing Choice Vouchers, veteran vouchers, child support, emergency COVID assistance and any other "non wage" forms of rent payment. This is known as Source of Income Discrimination in housing; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Chicago and Urbana (co-terminous with Cunningham Township) are some of the only cities in Illinois to prohibit Source of Income Discrimination and both cities have robust rental housing markets; and

WHEREAS, HB 2775 would make it illegal to deny someone the opportunity to apply for housing based solely on the their source of income. It would also help protect: Over half of Illinois (2.7 million) households earn some sort of non-wage income, Vulnerable persons needing emergency assistance to cover rent, Persons whose rent payments are being refused because they come from COVID-19 relief programs, 99,000 Housing Choice Voucher participants in Illinois, Persons needing vouchers to flee domestic violence, sex trafficking, or other dangerous situations, Workers whose jobs are seen as unstable due to COVID-19 (e.g., service industry), Clarify that the minimum income required by housing providers be based on the portion the tenant pays, Allow victims of SOI discrimination to seek justice in court for the first time in Illinois, and Create a legal defense against an eviction if the owner refused to accept emergency rental assistance programs as payment for rent.

WHEREAS, HB 2275 has passed the Illinois House and has 24 co-sponsors in the Senate including Senator Scott Bennett of the 52nd District. State Representative Carol Ammons is also a co-sponsor.

WHEREAS, Housing Action Illinois, of which Cunningham Township is a member, is gathering supportive resolutions and signatures for HB 2275 from throughout the State,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Town of Cunningham that a majority of Township Board members support HB 2775 Barring Source of Income Discrimination and Protecting Rental Assistance Recipients.

Approved this February 14, 2022 by the Township Board of the Town of Cunningham,
Champaign County, State of Illinois.

Phyllis Clark, Town Clerk

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair

Expanding Housing Protections for All Illinoisans

HB 2775

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Additionally, HB 2775 would:

- Clarify that the minimum income required by housing providers be based on the portion the tenant pays
- Allow victims of SOI discrimination to seek justice in court for the first time in Illinois
- Create a legal defense against an eviction if the owner refused to accept emergency rental assistance programs as payment for rent



Learn more at: <https://www.housingchoicepartners.org/soi-campaign>

To support and/or endorse, contact Michael Chavarria at mchavarria@hcp-chicago.org

Illinois Coalition for Fair Housing

We need your support to make these protections a reality.

Illinois State Senator Sponsors (as of Dec '21): Sen. Ram Villivalam (Chief Sponsor), Karina Villa, Doris Turner, Mike Simmons,, Jacqueline Y. Collins, Robert Peters, Christopher Belt, Patricia Van Pelt, Suzy Glowiak Hilton, John Connor, Ann Gillespie, Adriane Johnson, Elgie R. Sims, Jr., Celina Villanueva, Mattie Hunter, Cristina H. Pacione-Zayas, Cristina Castro, Scott M. Bennett, Laura Ellman, Robert F. Martwick, Melinda Bush, Laura Fine, Emil Jones, III., David Koehler

HB 2775 Endorsers

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AARP - Illinois State Office
Above and Beyond Family Recovery Center
Access Living - Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing (DRACH)
Adullam Faith Ministries
AIDS Foundation Chicago & Center for Housing and Health
All Chicago
Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
American Legion Post 589
Amy Chavez, DuPage County Board, District 5
ApnaGhar inc
Arab American Family Services
Association for Independent Development (AID)
BEDS Plus Care
Black Chicago Tomorrow
Burt Minor, Lt Colonel USAF Retired
Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI)
CEDA of Cook County, Inc.
Center for Changing Lives
Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance - HCV Working Group
Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance - City Tenant Leader Board
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
Chicago Housing Initiative
Chicago Housing Justice League
Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Chicago Urban League
Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity
Children's Home & Aid
Citizens in Action Serving All (CASA) Blue Island
City of Chicago, Office of the Mayor
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Connections for the Homeless
Cook County Commission on Human Rights
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Danielle Moon – Private Housing Provider
DeLaCerde House, Inc.
Dupage County Housing Authority
DuPagePads
Enterprise Community Partners
Equity and Transformation
Establishing Firm Foundations Waterproofing
Family Bridges
Family Rescue
GC Housing Development LLC
Greg Hart - DuPage County Board Member, District 3
Habitat of Illinois ASO
Heartland Alliance
H.O.M.E.
HOPE Fair Housing Center
Housing Action Illinois
Housing Authority of Champaign County
Housing Authority of Cook County
Housing Authority of McDonough County
Housing Choice Partners - Suburban HCV Working Group
Housing Forward
Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois National Organization for Women
IMPACT CIL
IPADDUnite - Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities
Jane Addams Senior Caucus
Jeff Crabill, Bloomington City Council, Ward 8

Jenn Carrillo, Bloomington City Council, Ward 6
Julie Emig, Bloomington City Council, Ward 4
KAN-WIN
Kevin Wiley, Retired Colonel United States Army and CEO of Aquila Fidelis and Associates
LakeView Lutheran Church
Latino Policy forum
Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing
League of Women Voters of Illinois
Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services
LIFE Center for Independent Living (LIFE CIL)
LINC, Inc.
Lord's Helpers
Mental Health America of Illinois
Metropolitan Family Services
Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council
Moraine Township
MorningStar Mission Ministries, Inc.
Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO)
National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals - Chicago North Chapter (NAHREP)
National Immigrant Justice Center
Neighbors for Affordable Housing
North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic
Northwest Side Community Development Corporation
Northside Community Resources
Northwest Center
Northwest Compass
Northwest Side Housing Center
Oak Park Housing Authority
Oak Park Regional Housing Center
Open Communities
PASO - West Suburban Action Project
Progress Center for Independent Living
Project Oz
RAMP CIL
Respond Now
Ronald J Clewer - Affordable Housing Developer
SEIU Healthcare
Sheila Rutledge, DuPage County Board, District 6
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Soule, Bradtke, and Lambert
South Suburban Housing Center
South Suburban PADS
Southsiders For Peace
St. John's Episcopal Church
Supportive Housing Providers Association
The Burton Foundation
The Law Offices of Marques A Eason LLC
The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence
Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President
Unite Here Local 1
Former US Senator Mark Kirk, Retired Commander US Navy Reserve
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Veterans Path to Hope
Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council
Westside Health Authority
Winnebago County Housing Authority
Women Unite!
Women's Council of Realtors West Suburban
Working Family Solidarity
Yulanda Curtis (Veterans Legal Clinic Director)
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