THE KEEPING RENTERS SAFE ACT OF 2021

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Following the devastating lapse of the federal eviction moratorium on August 26, 2021, millions of people are at imminent risk of losing their homes, stability, and safety. The eviction crisis will continue to wreak havoc on our communities if Congress does not immediately enact the **Keeping Renters Safe Act of 2021**.

The **Keeping Renters Safe Act of 2021** will protect renters from eviction and curb the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Amending section 361 of the Public Health Service Act to clarify the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has permanent authority to implement a residential eviction moratorium to address public health crises.
• Directing HHS to implement a national residential eviction moratorium in response to COVID-19 that:
  ○ Must be automatic, without requiring individuals to apply for coverage.
  ○ Applies to all residential eviction filings, hearings, judgments, and execution of judgments.
  ○ Allows the Secretary to establish appropriate moratorium exceptions necessary to protect the health and safety of others.
  ○ Remains in effect at least 60 days following the conclusion of the public health emergency.

The Keeping Renters Safe Act of 2021 costs us nothing but time: time for renters to receive financial assistance, time for the economy to fully recover, and time for the pandemic to finally come to an end. If we do not implement a new eviction moratorium, our entire society will suffer the dire and lethal consequences of our legislative inaction.

The rippling effect of nearly 40 million Americans testing positive for COVID-19, the death of over 640,000 people, and countless more permanently disabled is cause for continued protections, especially a federal eviction moratorium. As the Delta variant continues to claim lives, force individuals to quarantine, close schools, and stifle business, it is imperative we continue to offer the highest levels of support and protection in the interest of public health and safety.

Support Congresswoman Cori Bush and Senator Elizabeth Warren in keeping millions of people safely in their homes for the duration of the pandemic by enacting the Keeping Renters Safe Act of 2021. Bill Text