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Dear President Shaut,

This is a request for a placement on the agenda of the next appropriate Council Committee which I would expect to be the Laws and Rules Committee as time is of the essence during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The attached is a Resolution Calling for an Issuance of Extended Moratorium on Evictions and Rent Relief During the State of Emergency of 30 days by the City of Kingston.

Both Governor Cuomo and the New York State Department of Health have issued declarations banning non-essential employees from work, closing schools, and limits on public gatherings, as well as recommendations on social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus.

Over half of tenants in New York State are rent-burdened during typical economic conditions. As a result of the state of emergency and the government-recommended precautions, many tenants have experienced sudden income loss, and further income impacts are anticipated, leaving tenants vulnerable to eviction. Housing stability is crucial in a public health emergency in which containment and treatment rely on individuals staying indoors and not being forced to seek shelter or experience homelessness.

Upon passage of this resolution, a temporary moratorium on evictions will exist in the City of Kingston, NY until a period of 30 calendar days longer than the current New York State temporary moratorium on evictions.

That after the termination of the moratorium and prior to issuance of any non-payment eviction judgements, the City of Kingston Court will provide a period of 180 calendar days to tenants to cure any rent payment in arrears, provided that rent payments made post moratorium remain current.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michele Hirsch
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