



House of Representatives  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

September 7, 2021

The Honorable Chief Justice Max Baer  
Pennsylvania Judicial Center  
601 Commonwealth Ave.  
P.O. Box 61260  
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Harrisburg, PA 17106

Dear Honorable Justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court,

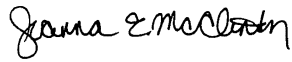
We respectfully urge you to immediately act in the best interests of those people we represent who are most in need of help to keep a roof over their heads and to have a place to quarantine if a family member is exposed to COVID-19. As cases continue to rise in Pennsylvania due to the more transmissible Delta variant, we ask you to act quickly and decisively to stop evictions for those people who applied for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and are waiting for applications to be processed.

Your action would mitigate the effects of the United States Supreme Court's recent decision to invalidate the Centers for Disease Control's eviction moratorium and ensure the commonwealth and the counties can work through the backlog of applications and get federal funding where it needs to be. Ninety percent of the money available for emergency rental assistance has yet to make it to our communities, and communities of color are being hit the hardest. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, over \$1 billion in rental relief needs to be dispensed, amounting to nearly \$6,000 per household that's waiting to be processed and delivered to applicants. Those who find themselves struggling through no fault of their own deserve time to ensure that the resources available to them are delivered.

At the beginning of this pandemic, we banded together as Pennsylvanians and worked to mitigate the spread of a virus that we knew very little about. Thankfully, the state Supreme Court in that moment acted judiciously and put a ban on all evictions for financial reasons, ensuring that nobody would lose their home because a global pandemic disrupted their financial stability. The time has come to once again act in the best interest of all Pennsylvanians and provide protections to those who have done the right thing and applied for the assistance available to them.

We urge your quick, serious, and judicious consideration of this request and believe that you will arrive at the same conclusion we have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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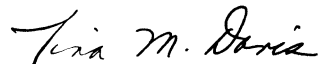
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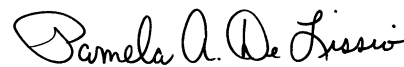
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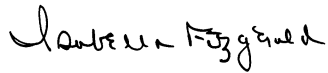
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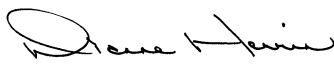
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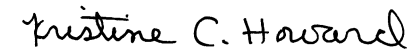
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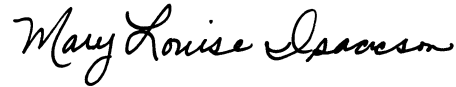
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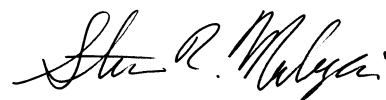
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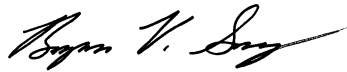
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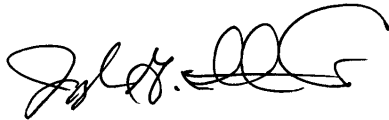
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