Pass the COVID-19 Housing Equity bill now for a strong recovery!

Tenants & homeowners need immediate protections to preserve public health and mitigate the devastating toll COVID has taken on communities of color & low-income households.

### Too many MA residents are being evicted during COVID-19!
- Over 24,000 eviction cases have been filed since the end of the state moratorium. Over 15,000 of these cases were filed for rent owed despite over $700 million of available rental assistance.
- Every tenant with an eviction case carries a permanent eviction court record no matter how the case ends, making it hard to find new housing.
- Evictions have a particularly devastating impact on people of color; COVID has exacerbated this inequity in Massachusetts.
- Over 28,000 homeowners are far behind on mortgages and at risk of foreclosure; many more are in forbearance plans that end soon, and over 200,000 are worried they can't make their next mortgage payment.

### The COVID-19 Housing Equity Bill (H.1434 / S.891) will:
- Keep needless eviction cases out of court by requiring that rental assistance is pursued BEFORE filing for eviction.
- Temporarily pause filing for no-fault evictions.
- Reinstate a pause on foreclosures and require forbearance based on federal standards.
- Require the state to make rental assistance more accessible to vulnerable groups that have struggled to get help because of a difficult application process, ensuring timely and equitable distribution of funds.
- Protect the most vulnerable tenants from forced removal for COVID-19 debts.

Need help? Call 617-819-0188.

Details on the bill & resources for tenants + homeowners: [www.HomesForAllMass.org](http://www.HomesForAllMass.org)