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The Honorable Eric Holcomb
200 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Governor Holcomb,

The coronavirus pandemic has challenged our state in unprecedented ways and I appreciate your efforts to support Hoosiers in this difficult time. The pandemic has spurred us to revisit our policies and systems as a state government, and we are also forced to view passed legislation in a new light.

The pandemic has highlighted the flaws in Senate Enrolled Act 148 as it would directly undermine relief efforts that tenants require at this time and in the aftermath of this crisis. Executive Order 20-06 currently prevents evictions and foreclosures; however, the financial hardship imposed on households by this pandemic will span months and potentially years. After Executive Order 20-06 expires, SEA 148's weakened tenant protections will authorize an avalanche of evictions due to circumstances beyond tenants' control.

Additionally, this wave of evicted tenants will struggle to find housing and will compound homelessness throughout the state. Please continue to show leadership and stand for vulnerable Hoosiers by vetoing this bill. The pandemic will have lasting effects and I urge you to consider how this moment of financial hardship will impact housing for vulnerable Hoosiers for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cherrish S. Pryor".

Cherrish S. Pryor, Democratic Floor Leader
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