



August 18, 2020

via email

Governor Ned Lamont
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont:

As tenant advocates we greatly appreciated Secretary McCaw’s statements at yesterday’s Appropriations Committee hearing regarding your willingness to allocate more Coronavirus Relief Funds to housing assistance. Please maximize this assistance by doing the following:

1. The eviction moratorium – which has been vital to public health – must be extended to at least September 30 to ensure (a) funds are not wasted on fees from unnecessary evictions and (b) the ESG eviction prevention program has a chance to be implemented;
2. DOH must offer the application for the principal program, TRHAP, in Spanish;
3. TRHAP must truly be publicized. For instance, a press release should be issued to both English and Spanish language media describing how to apply for the program; and
4. DOH should extend the application period to take advantage of this increased publicity and the Spanish-language application.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our requests.

Respectfully,

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