

# **Expanding Housing Protections for All Illinoisans**

HB 2775 Sen. Ram Villivalam (25 Sponsors) Rep. La Shawn Ford (17 Sponsors)

Currently, the State of Illinois' fair housing law does not offer protections against discrimination based on legal sources of income. Landlords can discriminate and deny housing to people who pay for their housing with social security, veterans benefits, child support, Housing Choice Vouchers, or any other type of non-wage income. This is known as source of income discrimination in housing. At a time when housing costs are increasing, it's urgent that we ensure no household is denied a home.

### **UPDATE:**

The language of HB 2775 has been amended to address concerns from stakeholders in the housing industry resulting in the removal of some of the provisions in the original bill regarding the Homelessness Act and Evictions Act, and the requirements on income calculations.

HB 2775 now focuses solely on the core source of income protections that 19 other states already have. This brings the State into alignment with existing source of income protections under Cook County and City of Chicago.

Illinois should become the 20th state to pass source of income protections during this 2022 General Assembly Session and make source of income discrimination illegal. This would help protect:

- Over half of Illinois households that earn some sort of non-wage income;
- 99,000 Housing Choice Voucher participants in Illinois;
- Workers needing emergency assistance to help cover rent due to COVID-19 challenges;
- · Persons fleeing domestic violence, sex trafficking, or other dangerous situations;
- · Veterans paying for their housing with veterans benefits or housing vouchers;
- Single mothers using child support and/or alimony payments to pay for housing; and
- Seniors and people with disabilities paying for their housing with social security.

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- A Safe Place
- AARP Illinois
- · Above and Beyond Family Recovery Center
- Access Living Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing (DRACH)
- Action Ridge
- Adullam Faith Ministries
- AIDS Foundation Chicago & Center for Housing and Health
- · All Chicago
- Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
- American Legion Post 589

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- · Apna Ghar
- · Arab American Family Services
- Association for Independent Development (AID)
- BEDS Plus Care
- · Black Chicago Tomorrow
- Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI)
- · CEDA of Cook County, Inc.
- · Center for Changing Lives
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation
- Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance HCV Working Group: City Tenant Leader Board
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
- · Chicago Housing Initiative
- Chicago Housing Justice League
- Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- · Chicago Urban League
- · Chicagoland Habitat for Humanity
- · Children's Home & Aid
- · Citizens in Action Serving All (CASA) Blue Island
- Community Partners for Affordable Housing
- · Connections for the Homeless
- Cook County Commission on Human Rights
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- DeLaCerda House, Inc.
- DuPage County Housing Authority
- DuPagePads
- Enterprise Community Partners
- Equity and Transformation
- · Family Bridges
- Family Rescue
- · Grass Roots Organizing Grows
- H.O.M.E.
- · Habitat for Humanity of Illinois ASO
- Heartland Alliance
- HOPE Fair Housing Center
- Housing Action Illinois
- Housing Authority of Champaign County
- Housing Authority of Cook County
- Housing Authority of McDonough County
- · Housing Choice Partners Suburban HCV Working Group
- Housing Forward

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- Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies
- Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Illinois National Organization for Women
  - Illinois Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-IL)
- IPADDUnite Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Jane Addams Senior Caucus
- Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
- KAN-WIN
- LakeView Lutheran Church
- Latino Policy forum
- · Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing
- League of Women Voters of Illinois
- Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services
- LIFE Center for Independent Living (LIFE CIL)

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- · LINC, Inc.
- Lord's Helpers
- Manufactured Home Owners Association of Illinois
- Mental Health America of IllinoisMetropolitan Family Services
- Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and
- · Opportunity Council
- Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO)
- MorningStar Mission Ministries, Inc.
- National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals Chicago North Chapter (NAHREP)
- National Council of Jewish Women
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- · Neighbors for Affordable Housing
- · North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic
- Northside Community Resources
- Northwest Center
- Northwest Compass
- Northwest Side Community Development Corporation
- Northwest Side Housing Center
- Oak Park Housing Authority
- Oak Park Regional Housing Center
- · Open Communities
- PASO West Suburban Action Project
- Progress Center for Independent Living
- Project Oz
- · RAMP Center for Independent Living
- Respond Now
- · Rockford Public Schools
- SEIU Healthcare
- Shriver Center on Poverty Law
- · South Suburban Housing Center
- South Suburban PADS
- Southsiders For Peace
- St. John's Episcopal Church
- StreetWise
- · Supportive Housing Providers Association
- The Burton Foundation
- The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence
- · United African Organization
- Unite Here Local 1
- United Way of Metro Chicago
- · Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Veterans Path to Hope
- · Voice of the People in Uptown, Inc
- Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council
- Westside Health Authority
- Winnebago County Housing Authority
- · Women Unite!
- · Women's Council of Realtors West Suburban
- Working Family Solidarity
- · YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

#### **ENDORSING MUNICIPALITIES**

- Moraine Township
- · Champaign County Board
- Town Board of Cunningham Township

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- GC Housing Development LLC
- Ronald J Clewer (Affordable Housing Developer)
- Soule, Bradtke, and Lambert
- The Law Offices of Margues A Eason LLC
- Zillow