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Honorable Executive Committee Members,

The Illinois Manufactured Housing Association is **OPPOSED** to Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 3066.

Our members take great pride in delivering much needed affordable housing to citizens all across the State of Illinois. This legislative effort ties their hands and only makes it harder to do so.

The amendment seeks to address housing issues related to the economic disaster created by government's COVID-19 response, but in reality it does little or nothing to help the millions of affected residents or the property owners and lenders who are struggling to keep those residents in their homes.

Chief among our opposition is:

- Retroactive to March with unemployment needed to be within 1.5% of February's record level – we believe there is simply not enough jobs or money to go around.
- Such moratoriums have been proven unconstitutional in other states.
- A lease, freely agreed to by the resident, is a contract between consenting parties. State government is not a party to that agreement.
- Sealed evictions are non-sequitur.
- Chattel home loans have not been included in any forbearance initiatives or IHDA programs leaving the majority of our residents unable to participate.

While our organization might support meaningful and targeted relief efforts which future generations of the State can afford this legislative effort falls far short of that goal.

We ask for your **No** vote on this Amendment.

Respectfully,

Frank Bowman, Executive Director
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