Chair: Rep. Lesch

Omnibus Emergency COVID Response Bill

Honorable Legislators,

First, we want to thank all our elected officials, and others who are frontline workers, providing essential services, and working on solutions to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Amendments are still needed that would:

1) Put a hold on all non-essential court cases during COVID 19 and until there's an "all clear and everything is back to normal".

This would include what cities are able to do in "code enforcement" that creates criminal convictions, fines, and jail for low-income people unable to fix up their homes or do frivolous work because abusive, unethical or corrupt City or County personnel want their property to profit without regard that it would make their victims "homeless and living in the streets".

But since it's "not normal", "abuse, financial exploitation and fraud by staff can be involved", and it's a "misuse of government funds at City/County, Judicial and other levels" - the legislature must put a stop to these types of cases and provide resources to help these people instead.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the needs and where legislators can make a difference.

Sincerely

Rev. Dr. Jean Lee, Pres., E.D.

APAHC – the Housing Consortium, Children's Hope Intl/R & R Family Ctrs, and others

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