

Dear/Hi [Legislator],

My name is Lauren and I'm your voting constituent from Austin, TX. I'm the [INSERT TITLE/POSITION] at [INSERT SHELTER/RESCUE NAME] and I'm [writing/calling] to ask you how you are supporting efforts to protect renters during the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis. Could you let me know whether you have supported legislation or other efforts to provide rental assistance to low-income renters or to extend eviction moratoriums in our [CITY/COUNTY/STATE]?

In case you didn't know, housing insecurity and the lack of access to affordable housing is one of the main reasons why families who love their pets have to surrender them to shelters. We know that upwards of 40 million people may be evicted during the COVID-19 crisis and since almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of renters in the United States also have pets, that means tens of millions of pets may also lose their homes and the people who love them.

If millions of pets lose their homes, that could severely stress animal shelters and rescues in [INSERT CITY/STATE] so as [INSERT TITLE/POSITION], it's hugely important to me that you actively support any legislative efforts to keep people in their homes during these difficult times. No family should have to make the heart-wrenching choice between finding a safe, affordable place to live and keeping their pet! Your animal loving constituency would certainly stand behind advocacy to protect pets!

Will you support [insert bill name and number] to provide rental assistance and to extend eviction moratoriums in our community?

Thank you so much!