

**Testimony of Jacqueline Leck (Tenant)**  
**City Council, May 29, 2020**

Bill Nos. 200294, 200295, 200301, 200302, 200304, 200305

My name is Jackie Leck. I will be 65 in August. I have COPD and I am high risk for COVID-19. I went to court at the beginning of February when my landlord wanted to evict me from my home. SeniorLAW Center represented me. We negotiated with the landlord's lawyer and we agreed that I was to move out on March 30th. We also agreed that if I paid her 1200 dollars, I could stay through the end of April. I couldn't get in touch with my landlord to pay, so I had to pay that money to her realtor to stay through April.

Then the virus started and everything was shut down. I couldn't get ahold of my landlord. I tried to pay May rent, but the landlord's realtor said she wanted me to move out and refused the money I offered her.

Me and my husband have money to move but we can't find anything. I look for ads, I read the paper, I'm walking around the streets looking for "for rent" signs, but there's nothing.

I would like to move to another home. When we moved into this home there were no smoke detectors and no carbon monoxide alarms. It's in bad shape. But nobody is showing houses right now because of the virus.

We can pay rent but we're having a hard time finding a place. I'm afraid I'll get put out on the street. I live with my husband, my son, my 3 grandchildren, and our dogs. My husband is out of work and I'm on social security. My son is working part time. I'm afraid of getting put out without finding a place to live. I've developed an ulcer from the stress of all this.

When evictions start again in July, I'll be put out on the street unless I find somewhere to go. I'm supporting this bill to help people get back on their feet so they can find a place to go. Right now, landlords aren't showing anything. They don't want to show houses to people because of the virus. They don't want to bring people inside to show them around. Once the city is opened up, people need time to go back to work and start finding places to move.

People like me and my husband are especially vulnerable to this virus. We seniors and our families need your help. This crisis is far from over. Thank you.