

March 20, 2023
U.S. Representative
The Honorable Ritchie Torres
United States Representative
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Dear: Representative Ritchie Torres

My name is Priscilla Calzada and I live in District 15. I'm currently enrolled as a student at Alliance University as an undergrad and I'm studying to get my bachelor's in science of social work. I'm writing this letter because I am interested in the H.R. 8327 – Stables Families Act of 2022 that would provide as stated in the bill the Department of Housing and Urban Development funds to state, local, territorial, and tribal government in aiding low-income families facing from eviction from their homes. I'm fully aware of how passionate you are with this social issue as it occurring to many citizens here in the Bronx and across the state, and everywhere in this country after enduring such a difficult time with the COVID-19 virus. As you grew up in public housing and based on you've what you experienced, I know how important and serious this matter is to you.

This bill was interesting to me because I've seen how much this matter is affecting many citizens in our community facing economic financial struggles due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So many low-income families were affected by the pandemic. For example, many lost their loved ones whom they were being financially supported by, and many lost their jobs and no longer are receiving unemployment due to maxing out their unemployment services and are seemingly struggling to find jobs that will cover their financial cost of living. I believe that this bill will save many low-income individuals and families from losing their homes as we're seeing also the effects of inflation as the cost of living has risen with high rents and the costs of food. I'm interested to know, since this bill has been presented to the House, of the bills current progress and what actions are being taken to push this bill forward? How can more awareness be brought to the citizens of the community to be a part of it and push for this bill or act to be approved? Are signatures needed by the citizens of the community that are facing evictions for their voices to be heard? In addition, are there any other methods of awareness other than this issue being posted on your website, to assist the people of the community that you represent to help push this bill into fruition?

My hope is that this bill is passed so that many people in our community that are experiencing financial hardship are exempt from losing their homes and having the risk of being homeless. There are many low-income families that will benefit from this bill if Congress passes it as it would help many people from not having to lose what they call their "home".

Sincerely,

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