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Legislature Needs to Pass AB 3088 and Gov. Newsom Needs to Sign EO**

Today, Gov. Newsom announced a compromise deal on evictions that will protect some California renters who have been impacted by COVID19. While vastly better than what would have been the vicious result of doing nothing, AB 3088 falls short of the protections we need right now and through the course of the pandemic to keep people safe in their homes and to set our state up for an equitable recovery.

We encourage the legislature to pass AB 3088 to provide a stop-gap measure for tenants struggling each month to pay their rent and each day to feed their families due to COVID's impacts. As importantly, the governor must sign an executive order to put an eviction moratorium in place as soon as the Judicial Council's moratorium expires on Sept. 1.

While much of the pending legislation is good, the idea that it represents the solution to our looming eviction crisis is terribly flawed. For starters, the process that renters must follow in order to be protected is far too complicated and complex, and many of the most vulnerable and isolated renters in California will have little access to resources to help navigate the process. Meanwhile, evictions can begin next week, exposing families to the risks of landlords looking for any reason to justify an eviction.

No one should be evicted during a pandemic. Allowing any evictions during this time is dangerous and could be deadly. Gov. Newsom, put an end to this fear and sign an executive order to keep families in their homes.

