



The Arlington Chamber of Commerce is opposed to HB 1889 extending indefinitely the temporary requirements, such as payment plans, that extend the eviction timeline during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eviction moratoria and mandated payment plans leave both housing providers and renters struggling. Without a regular stream of rental income, property owners will struggle to meet obligations including mortgage payments, insurance, taxes, utilities, and maintenance. Renters, too, will struggle to meet their payment plan obligations for back rent and their current rent.

By contrast, additional funding to allow tenant and landlords to apply for relief will help tenants keep a roof over their heads and also support our housing providers in keeping rental housing available. As such, the Chamber instead encourages further exploration of what resources we can bring to support these goals and we ask that you oppose this bill.