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ORLANDO, Fla. -- Today, **Representative Anna Eskamani (D-Orlando)** and House and Senate Democrats sent a letter (attached) to Governor Ron DeSantis asking that he expand the call for the special session on property and homeowners insurance to include proposals that would provide real relief to renters throughout the state. While finding real solutions that help homeowners, rather than special interests, for the state's collapsing property insurance market is vital for the people of Florida, it is only one issue contributing to the ongoing housing crisis impacting workers and seniors struggling to keep a roof over their heads.

Democrats are calling for the following proposals to aid renters that were filed during the 2022 session to be considered during the special session:

- SB 1322 / HB 1131- Court Records of Eviction Proceedings
- SB 1776 / HB 1335 Infant & Children Housing Security
- <u>SB 1620 / HB 1587 Residential Tenancies</u>
- <u>SB 648 / HB 511 COVID-19 Eviction Information</u>
- HB 6005 / SB 582 Eviction Court Access
- HB 6017 / SB 580 Rent Stabilization
- HB 6057 Repeal of Developer Incentive Requirements
- SB 1134 / HB 819 / HB 1485 Landlord's Maintenance Responsibility
- <u>HB 933 / SB 1394 Toxic Mold Protections</u>
- HB 6075 / SB1898 Tourism Tax Revenue
- <u>SB 1900 / HB 6113 Restoring Local Freedoms Act</u>

House Democrats are in favor of any legislation that would provide relief to renters should be open for consideration.

This letter was co-signed by 28 Democratic legislators in the Senate and House. A full list of signatories and a copy of the letter can be found below.

"Every single day, I hear from my constituents about their struggles to find an affordable place to live in the face of price gouging by corporate landlords and developers," said **Representative Anna V. Eskamani**. "When people work hard and do the right thing, they deserve to have the freedom that comes with a safe and secure place to live for their family. Instead of culture war fights we should be working to solve the real issues that are facing Floridians and the housing crisis is at the top of the list. Let's make sure we make the best use of taxpayer dollars and don't leave anyone behind when we return to Tallahassee."

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