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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today. I quote from Yale Sociologist and Pulitzer Prize winning author of "Evicted", Matthew Desmond: "We have affirmed provision in old age, twelve years of education and basic nutrition to be the right of every citizen because we have recognized that human dignity depends on the fulfillment of these fundamental human needs. And it is hard to argue that housing is not a fundamental human need.

Decent, affordable housing should be a basic right for everybody in this country. The reason is simple: without stable shelter, everything else falls apart."