

Episcopal City Mission: Season of Advocacy

Week 3: April 21-27

Eviction Sealing through the Affordable Homes Act (H.4138) and the HOMES Act (H.4356)

Did you know?

- Eviction records in MA are permanent, even when the tenant wins or it is a “no-fault eviction.”
- Public eviction records don’t just impact housing - they can impact work and access to credit too.
- “Eviction sealing” would create a process for tenants who have satisfied the terms of their case (such as a payment plan) to close the eviction record.

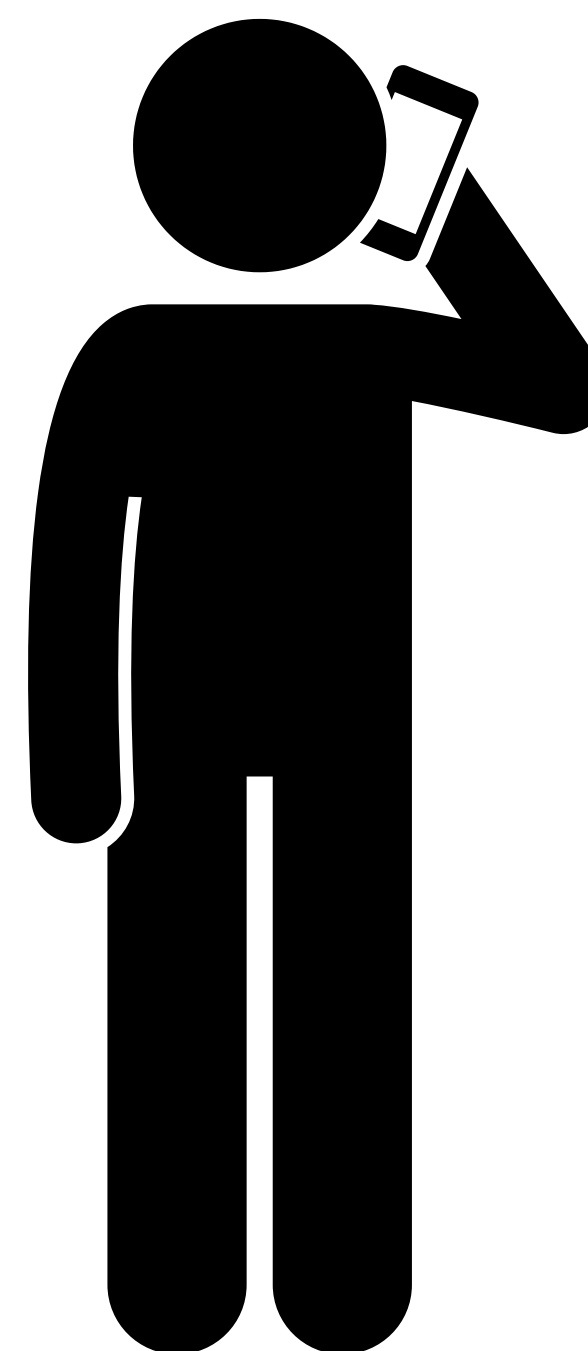
Call the Joint Committee on Bonding and urge them to strengthen the eviction sealing section of the Affordable Homes Act (H. 4138) which is the housing bond bill proposed by Governor Healey.

Senate Chair:

Edward Kennedy
617-722-1630

House Chair:

Michael Finn
617-722-2014



SAMPLE CALL SCRIPT

“Hello! My name is [first and last name] and I am calling [committee member name] to urge [her/him] to amend the Affordable Homes Act (H. 4138) by strengthening the eviction sealing section (Section 47). This can be done by replacing Section 47 with the text of the HOMES Act (H.4356). H.4138 can further improve the eviction sealing section by adding an amendment that makes eviction sealing automatic in cases of dismissals, tenant-won cases, and no-fault evictions. Thank you for your time and consideration.”



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