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ICYMI: Helping Hands for Housing Landlord Coalition Works to Keep Tenants in their Homes

(Madison, Wis.) - With the ongoing struggles the COVID-19 pandemic has caused for the people of Wisconsin, the Helping Hands for Housing coalition is leading an effort to keep tenants and landlords working together to avoid unnecessary evictions. The Helping Hands for Housing coalition consists of members of the Wisconsin REALTORS® Association (WRA), the Wisconsin Apartment Association (WAA), and the Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin (AASEW). This group of local leaders has taken part in conversations across the state to help those most in need maintain their homes during these trying times.

No one wants an eviction. The process is a long, difficult, and expensive procedure for both the landlord and the tenant. With the moratorium on evictions lifted, it is more important than ever for landlords and tenants to have open lines of communications to ensure proper care is taken to keep renters in their homes, and bills paid on time.

The leaders of this coalition -- Joe Murray (WRA), Gary Goyke (WAA), and Heiner Giese (AASEW) -- recently penned an op-ed published statewide on the issue. Their thoughtful commentary expresses the importance of open lines of communications anytime, especially during this pandemic. (You can read it [HERE](#)).

Also of note, WisconsinEye hosted a Newsmakers panel discussion in July highlighting the number of evictions filed statewide in the first six months of the year. The panel discussed what could happen if another moratorium on evictions is enacted, and options the U.S. Congress is considering. This 40-minute segment highlighted that evictions for 2020 are actually down from 2019. The panel included a tenant advocate which showcased the need for open communication between tenants and landlords in order to protect housing and work through the pandemic together. (You can watch the entire segment [HERE](#)).

For more information on the Helping Hands for Housing Coalition or to schedule an interview with one of the coalition members, please contact Nathan Conrad at nc@platform-communications.com

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