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Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As an engaged member of the Los Angeles community, I am writing to implore you to take immediate action in extending the deadline for tenants who have been severely impacted by the pandemic to repay back rent. The looming deadline of August 1st poses a significant burden on countless families who have faced unprecedented financial challenges due to the ongoing public health crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic has had far-reaching and devastating consequences on our local economy and livelihoods. Many tenants have lost their jobs, faced reduced working hours, or experienced other financial hardships during these trying times. As a result, they have struggled to meet their rental obligations, accumulating significant back rent that now threatens their ability to secure stable housing. I urge the City Council to show compassion and understanding by granting an extension to the repayment deadline for pandemic-affected tenants. An extension will provide much-needed relief and allow these individuals and families to regain their footing, find alternative sources of income, and stabilize their financial situations. By granting additional time, we can help prevent a wave of evictions that would only exacerbate the existing housing crisis. Furthermore, I strongly request that the City Council take swift action to allocate financial aid directly to tenants to cover their current rent and utility expenses. This direct assistance is crucial to ensuring that individuals and families can keep a roof over their heads and maintain access to essential utilities like water and electricity. Allocating funds in this manner will not only alleviate the immediate burden for tenants but also help stimulate the local economy as these funds are circulated back into the community. In addition to safeguarding tenants, it is equally important to work with landlords and property owners to facilitate these arrangements. Offering tax incentives or financial support to landlords who agree to participate in rent relief programs can be a win-win solution that helps stabilize the housing market while keeping families in their homes. I implore you, esteemed members of the City Council, to act swiftly in extending the

repayment deadline for back rent and allocating financial assistance to tenants for their current rent and utilities. By doing so, we demonstrate our commitment to standing together as a community and providing support to those who have been hit hardest by the pandemic. Please let us be remembered as a city that rallied together during these challenging times and demonstrated the true essence of compassion and solidarity. Your leadership in this matter will have a profound impact on the lives of thousands of Angelenos who are struggling to make ends meet. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and for your ongoing dedication to the welfare of our beloved city.