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To the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

I write in support of Supervisor Heinz' proposal to create and fund an Eviction Prevention Landlord Incentive Program (EPLIP) from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Contingency Funds. Such a mechanism will effectively balance landlords' legitimate and quite-pressing interest in receiving funds they need to pay debt service, operating, and other costs and the needs of tenants who are entitled to relief under the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) but whose claims have not yet been processed.

As a developer of affordable multifamily housing and a long-time advocate for the needs of low-income renters, I understand that property owners need funding to pay their expenses. But I also recognize that ERAP has, to say the least, been very cumbersome as a means to assist tenants who have, through no fault of their own, been unable to pay rent. EPLIP will be an excellent use of ARPA funds, and I strongly urge the Board to approve this measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

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