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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** announced she is an original cosponsor of the ***Protecting Renters from Evictions Act of 2021***. The legislation will soon be introduced by **House Financial Services Committee Chairwoman Maxine Waters** to provide a clean extension of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) eviction moratorium until December 31, 2021. It is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives within the next 24 hours.

“I applaud House leadership’s consideration of the Protecting Renters from Evictions Act of 2021, which will extend the CDC moratorium on residential evictions,” **said Congresswoman Adams**.

“The *Washington Post* reports [1.2 million families face eviction](#) in the next two months if we do not act, and House Democrats will not be responsible for a housing crisis. Given the resurgence of COVID, it’s more critical than ever to prevent putting millions of our neighbors and their children out on the street. I will vote to extend the eviction moratorium.”

[National Equity Atlas](#) estimates 6.398 million households are currently behind on rent, including over 28,000 households in Mecklenburg County and an estimated 206,000 households statewide. Additionally, according to self-reported data in a recent [US Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey](#), approximately 3.650 million renter-occupied housing units that are not current on rental payments are very likely or somewhat likely to be evicted in the next two months.

Background:

On September 4, 2020, the CDC issued a temporary halt on residential evictions for the nonpayment of rent through December 31, 2020. However, on October 9, 2020, the Trump Administration updated the CDC's guidance to allow landlords to challenge tenant declarations and initiate the eviction process, undermining the agency's original order and creating new burdens for renters seeking protection. In October 2020, [Adams successfully led 31 of her colleagues](#) in calling on then-Director Redfield of the CDC to extend the eviction moratorium. [The October 2020 letter](#) urged the Trump Administration to extend the eviction moratorium through March 2021 and effectively enforce the moratorium.

After the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine, the CDC extended the federal eviction moratorium until July 31, 2021, but the Supreme Court has stated that Congressional action is needed for the CDC to extend the moratorium beyond this date. Last week, as the prospects of a federal moratorium extension were in doubt, [Adams called on Charlotte's chief district court judge to extend the eviction moratorium](#) locally. This morning, President Biden called on Congress to extend the moratorium, noting the spread of the Delta variant.

Congresswoman Alma Adams represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte and Mecklenburg County) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee.

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