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Dear Deputy,

I am contacting you on behalf of the **Raise the Roof** housing campaign to protest in the strongest possible terms at the Government decision to end the temporary moratorium on evictions and to add our voice to the calls for its urgent and immediate restoration.

Raise the Roof is a broad civil society network - led by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions - comprised of trade unions, housing and homeless agencies, women's groups, political parties, Traveller groups, student unions, representatives of older people, children's advocacy groups, community organisations and housing experts.

It is our strong view that the decision to lift the ban in place since October 2022 - without *first* putting in place the measures needed to prevent people being forced into homelessness - is both profoundly wrong and wholly indefensible.

This deeply troubling decision has now placed thousands of households in immediate danger of being forced into homelessness, as of April 1.

Figures from the Residential Tenancies Board confirm that 4,741 evictions were issued prior to the temporary ban being put in place, with almost two thirds of that number due to come into effect on April 1 - which equates to over 3000 tenancies.

It is now clear that thousands of single people, young couples, families with children, extended families and older people will now be made homeless as a result of this morally untenable decision.

Raise the Roof is therefore calling for the urgent and immediate restoration of the moratorium on evictions and a guarantee that it will be kept in place until Government has introduced the suite of measures and safeguards required to ensure that no family or individual will be forced into homelessness, when a tenancy is ended.

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