Good Cause Eviction Protects Tenants, Homeowners, and Good Landlords in Poughkeepsie

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Housing insecurity is a region-wide issue with more than half of renter households facing rent burden.

Share of renters who are rent burdened, Mid-Hudson region and Dutchess County, 2019

![Graph showing rent burden by race/ethnicity]

In Poughkeepsie, where people of color are significantly more likely than White households to rent their homes, rent burden is even higher than the regional average.

Share of households who are renters, Poughkeepsie, 2019

![Graph showing the percentage of renters by race/ethnicity]

59% of renters in Poughkeepsie spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs.

Poughkeepsie thrives when its renters thrive. #GoodCause supports housing stability by:

1) **Protecting renters against unfair evictions** without an order from a judge.

2) **Allowing tenants to hold landlords accountable** for safe living conditions and quality of life concerns without fear of retaliation.

3) **Supporting good landlords** by stopping bad landlords from predatory exploitation of tenants and unfair advantages in the market.

4) **Stabilizing neighborhoods** by improving housing stability for residents, which supports education and employment outcomes.

5) **Ensuring a stronger municipal budget** as the town reduces losses in tax revenue and unpaid utilities, and avoids increased costs associated with services for people experiencing homelessness.

Source and notes: 2019 5-Year American Community Survey Integrated Microdata Series. Rent-burdened is defined as spending more than 30 percent of income on housing costs. Race and ethnicity are not mutually exclusive for city-level rentership estimates; all groups other than White and Latino include those of Hispanic or Latino origin who identify with that particular racial group.

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