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**Subject:** RE: Community statement in support of renewal of Emergency SRO Safety Ordinance (Item 1)  
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Thank you for moving this forward. We are experiencing some challenges in being able to offer public comment.

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Thank you, Gen.

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Dear Chair Peskin and Supervisors Safai and Preston:

We thank the Chair and the Committee for considering a renewal of the emergency order regarding SROs.

We are appreciative of the efforts of DPH staff to implement certain elements of the original order. However, we are concerned to learn that the Department is requesting an amendment to water down a key component of the legislation. The existing order requires that buildings with a test positive resident be provided with building wide testing. The Department instead seeks to only offer building wide testing when the agency determines it is appropriate -- eliminating any deadlines or specific criteria.

What is especially troubling about this proposal is that DPH has until now ignored the ordinance's other core requirement that they provide to the public daily updated data on SRO cases and deaths. Updated data reporting is essential to enable our communities to respond to test results and protect vulnerable residents. Instead, we not seen any aggregate data on SRO cases until last week.

This past Thursday, after more than two months after the order came into effect, the department presented data that there have been 538 test positive cases in SROs in 121 buildings and there have been 5 deaths (3 in the TL, 1 in Chinatown, and 1 in SOMA). This report shows substantial change since the data presented at this committee in May reporting 144 cases in 52 buildings and one death.

This belated new data makes clear: *SRO cases are increasing and the infections are putting more lives at risk.*

The new data also shows that the emergency ordinance has begun to serve its purpose of enhanced testing in SROs. Pursuant to the mandate of the ordinance the department's staff conducted site focused tests at 18 SRO buildings. Of the 1156 SRO residents tested, a stunning 23.5% tested positive. In some of those tested buildings more than 40 residents became infected. Many of those who tested positive were essential workers in the service sector or construction or who shared rooms with those workers.

Given these results, the high concentration People of Color, seniors, persons with disabilities, and very low income households living in SROs, and the widely predicted Fall surge in cases, *this is no time to scale back on testing.*

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Sincerely,

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