

My name is Yajaira Rimendes, and I'm a Make the Road Nevada member. I want to talk to you about the problems with housing in our state.

I know this problem firsthand because I have liver cancer and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. I need medicine to stay alive, but it's very expensive. Even though I get some help, I still have trouble paying for everything.

I lived in an unsuitable place but could not afford anywhere else. My medicine and rent cost so much that I had to make tough daily choices. But it's not just me who has this problem. Many other people, like grandparents and families, have difficulty keeping their homes.

Many people in Nevada are just getting by and could lose their homes if something goes wrong. The prices for homes are increasing, but people's paychecks aren't growing. This makes it very hard for people to live.

Please do something to help. We need more places to live that don't cost so much and rules to keep rent from going up too fast. We also need more help for people struggling to pay their bills.

My story is like many other people's stories in Nevada. We can work together to ensure everyone has a good place to live. No one should have to choose between buying medicine or paying for a home.

Thank you for listening.