

**Sonia Perez Testimony for Feb 2nd, Housing Budget Hearing
Brooklyn, NY 11237**

Hello my name is Sonia Perez I am a Make the Road NY member and I live in Brooklyn with my kids. As thousands in our state I have been affected financially by COVID 19. I am a street vendor and an excluded worker. Due to the Coronavirus epidemic, my sales fell and in the last few months I no longer sell anything due to restrictions. Due to COVID I also lost the father of my children who was helping me sustain them financially.

I am a single mother and what worries me the most is the rent payment, although we have an eviction moratorium now I don't know what I will do when that ends. If there is no financial support from the State Government, my family and I will end up living on the street. We need help to cancel our debts that have been accumulating without being able to work. I will not be able to pay all I owe at this point. I am going on almost a year of no income. We need money in the budget to help with rent expenses otherwise there will be thousands more homeless people.