

Dear Covid-19 Emergency Committee,

***Please make sure that a system of direct rent payments from the state to landlords of qualifying tenants who are proven to be fiscally damaged by the crisis is created right away.***

**We will need the money to:**

1. **Avoid becoming casualties requiring emergency assistance for lack of resources.**
2. **Maintain the rental properties up to habitability standards.**
3. **Contribute to our local economies with the dollars we receive by purchasing local while in quarantine.**
4. **Pay our mortgages and tax bills as scheduled thereby lessening the damage caused to the financial system by this crisis.**

My name is Sage Coleman, I am a 45 year old Oregon Native who owns and is actively managing 24 family owned units since 1997. My wife and I have four children aged 18, 15, 13 and 10.

If rents cease to come in to our account the lives of my family will be put at stake due to an immediate reduction in income that we rely upon to not only make our mortgage payments but also to pay for groceries, medical care, fuel and the internet services required for our children to keep up with their online educations during this quarantine period.

I have read the draft response created by your committee and recognize that it is critical that we address social and economic stresses that have been created in critical sections of Oregon Community fabric.

**Please make sure that a system of direct rent payments from the state to landlords of qualifying tenants who are proven to be fiscally damaged by the crisis is created right away. My family and thousands of other "Mom and Pop" property owners in the state depend on your creating direct rent payments for those tenants in need. The rest of the economy will benefit from us holding the line. Please make sure we can.**

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