

To the emergency committee that has been formed to address the impacts of Covid-19 on the rental housing industry.

As a manager for a family run residential rental business, I ask that you consider the impact to landlords as well as tenants as you discuss relief ideas. Please consider the ideas outlined in the Oregon Rental Housing Association letter submitted to your committee.

Also please keep in mind that there are landlords and owners who are voluntarily offering support to their tenants during this crisis. For example, right after the schools and many businesses began shutting down we let all of our tenants know that we would offer payment arrangements to help those who are experiencing loss of income. We are mindful that it will require all of us to work together to make it through this temporary shut down.

Please, please, please, do not think of landlords as the "bad guys" and tenants as the only ones who need to be protected. We are all just trying to keep things going and survive through this extreme situation.

Sincerely,

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