

Dear Legislators,

As a property manager, nearly all of the owners that I work for have mortgages held by commercial banks. These owners use the rents they receive from tenants--working families--to make those mortgage payments. I'm talking about dozens and dozens of working families, living in millions of dollars worth of housing, and I'm just a small property manager. If those tenants don't make their rent payments, for whatever reason they may have during this crisis, my property owners will default on their loans and EVERYBODY loses. The families lose their housing, the owners lose their investment, and the banks lose their income too. I will also lose my job, and you'll lose the next election.

So, PLEASE send rental payment assistance directly to landlords and property managers. We're legally bound to do our jobs and will help keep the system working through this crisis. Other assistance programs (Section 8 / HUD) use direct payments to landlords, and it works fine.

Thank you for your consideration.

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