

To whom it may concern,

I work for Century 21 Property Management in La Grande, Oregon. While I understand and respect the temp laws you are implementing I do believe there need to be better guidelines.

We currently have tenants that are under eviction for situations not associated with the Covid-19 issue. These are tenants that pose a threat to safety of other tenants and that have a history of not paying rent and owe thousands of dollars in rent and fees before this crisis occurred. We have been working within the current laws and with the courts to get these tenants out of our units but with SB 608 we are looking at serious consequences for our property owners and for us as a company. SB 608 needs clarification and needs to be revised so we can still ensure the safety of our other tenants, properties, and the financial security for our owners and us.

We need to be able to require proof of their hardship so people are not taking advantage of this situation and just figuring that they are good to not pay rent because we, Landlords, cannot do anything about it.

SB 608 cannot be a blanket law, this needs to be revised, this needs to be thought about from all sides. If this stays how it is you will see a boom in people being forced to move out of their homes after Covid-19 and SB 608 are cleared. Owners will be forced into foreclosure and be forced to sell, which will make more people homeless.

Thank You,

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Century 21 Property Management