

Please, committee, I implore you to consider adequate protections for the many thousands of landlords at risk from Gov. Brown's eviction moratorium. We are small businesses, trying to provide a valuable service to our community. And we are as vulnerable as other businesses in these uncertain times.

We are happy to be a part of the housing solution for tenants who have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis, but we cannot bear the cost of doing so. We are not wealthy. We are normal Oregonians. We have mortgages, utilities payments, maintenance expenses, and property tax obligations. And we have families to feed.

We need the government to bear the cost of protecting renters.

Please strongly consider using government resources to issue direct payments to landlords on behalf of affected renters. This will allow tenants to stay in their homes, while also allowing landlords to remain solvent.

Thank you!

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