

Good afternoon,

Today I received a disturbing email about a lobbying effort on behalf of property managers. On Saturday, March 21st, Dawn Duerksen of Duerksen Property Management sent an email to Rental Property Management Group (RPMG), an organization of property managers and landlords. Duerksen's email urged landlords and property managers to contact legislators and demand that any rent relief provided in the wake of COVID-19 goes directly to their own pockets instead of to tenants.

Duerksen's proposal is an attempt to secure their own profit before meeting the needs of tenants. Giving rent relief directly to landlords and property managers will not serve to support the tenants and working people jeopardized by the COVID-19 crisis. Aid must be delivered directly to tenants for housing relief to be an effective intervention.

In this time of crisis, we must not put profits over the safety and dignity of human beings. Please ensure that any relief efforts actually provide relief to the hard-working Oregonians who need it!

Thanks,  
Josh Lane, Corvallis