

Hello,

I am a resident of Portland, Oregon and own property in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. I would like to submit written testimony in support of emergency relief measures for property owners in response to COVID-19.

I own two rental properties and am dedicated to ensuring my tenants are protected as this unprecedented crisis continues to unfold. The majority of my tenants are only a few missed paychecks away from serious financial strain to begin with, and this will only make things worse. I fear many will not be able to pay their full rent as more workers are forced off the job.

I know much of the focus will be on providing relief to tenants, but property owners must be considered as well. The last thing I want is to evict anyone because they couldn't work through no fault of their own. With that being said, I also have a large mortgage to pay and expenses I must bear as well. I also have a family to support and am impacted by this crisis just as much as anyone else.

I urge you to consider mortgage and economic forbearance for rental property owners and small businesses. We are all in this together, and must all be supported as well.

Respectfully,

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