

Dear Oregon legislature's Joint Special Committee on Coronavirus Response,

Hello. My name is Drew Robinson-Woods and I am a Portland homeowner. I have been substitute teaching while I look for employment outside of teaching since September. No one is hiring for any of the positions that I was seeking now that C19 has closed or slowed everyone's businesses and I have been paying \$600/month for health insurance. Schools are now closed through the end of April and likely the end of the school year. I have no way to make money without risking my life and that if everyone else. I have no way to pay my mortgage and I do not qualify for unemployment assistance since I was a contractor and not a regular employee. There is nothing I can do and the best thing I can do is to stay home.

What I need is my mortgage payment halted, my insurance premium covered and a small stipend for food and utilities. With that I will be able to stay home as is being directed of me and to live through the pandemic. A flat amount of any amount is not helpful. If you force the bank to stop accepting payment of my mortgage and give me food stamps, I'm much better off then trying to make it on \$1000 for the next 3 - 18 months. For reference, my mortgage is about \$2000/month. Please, end all mortgage and rent payments and put everyone on food stamps, or anyone who isn't rich will die whether or not they get C19.

Thanks,
Drew Robinson-Woods
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