

Members of the committee:

My name is Jeffrey Albanese, and I live in Eugene, OR. I work for a non-profit serving low-income households and people experiencing homelessness.

This is an unprecedented crisis that will require strong leadership. I urge you to take the steps necessary to protect public health, household incomes, and all workers' economic security. I have spoken to many people in the community and they all say the same thing: how am I supposed to pay my rent/mortgage/bills if I have no income or have been laid off?

It is imperative that you suspend all residential rent and mortgage charges, with no expectation that those charges be paid back after the crisis period has ended. It is also imperative that you, our governmental leaders, do everything that is necessary to get our homeless neighbors into housing so that they can self-quarantine if they find themselves sick. If you don't have housing, you can't self-quarantine. It's as simple as that.

Sincerely,
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