



Co-Chairs Roblan, Holvey, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Wlnsvey Campos, and I live in Washington County, Oregon. In my day job, I work at Family Promise of Beaverton, where I help families experiencing houselessness find a safe, stable home. In addition to this frontline work, I have also experienced housing insecurity myself, having lived in a motel room from the time I was 8 until I went to college. I am submitting testimony today in support of additional protections and actions to protect renters and those who are housing insecure and on the brink of losing their home due to Novel COVID-19.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 52% of Beaverton residents are renters and 47.5% of the renters report that they pay more than 30% of their household income on rent and related expenses. As layoffs continue at alarming rates, we must provide protections for those facing the inability to pay their rent both directly and indirectly due to loss of wages. Additionally, the legislature should ensure that those with mortgages are provided with relief during these uncertain times.

Specifically, I urge the committee to:

1. Enact a moratorium on evictions and mortgages during this public health emergency for the entire state of Oregon and suspend late fees;
2. Make significant rental assistance available;
3. Provide financial assistance directly to homelessness and affordable housing service providers to ensure that those already experiencing houselessness are provided with adequate resources to stay healthy and renters with limited income are provided with relief;
4. Provide additional resources for emergency shelter for those experiencing unsheltered houselessness;
5. Provide additional resources to allow shelters to fund hygiene supplies and services and make necessary changes to promote social distancing;
6. Explore ways to ensure that our immigrant communities have culturally appropriate assistance and materials;
7. Suspend all foreclosure actions for a minimum of 60 days.

Thank you for your service to our state and attention to this public health crisis. I urge you all to take swift action to flatten the curve of this pandemic and provide relief to your constituents facing the difficult choice of risking infection or losing their home.

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