

Dear Legislators,

As a shelter provider/landlord, I encourage you, as well as your fellow lawmakers, to make the right choice by choosing to compensate shelter providers directly for rental payment assistance during this crisis. Several of the permanent rental assistance programs we encounter every day employ this same model of direct payment to the provider.

I understand that this situation puts many working families at risk. By making **payment directly to landlords**, we can cover our costs and keep providing shelter for people affected. Many of us, including my family derive the bulk of our annual income from our rentals.

By not doing this, there is no guarantee that money will get to us to cover our mortgages and other overhead, forcing us close to units.

Many of the proposals being bandied about such as the suspension of '**for cause**' evictions also needs to be thought through and rejected. We face a time of stress where we still need to address situations that rightly justify eviction for the good of the majority in rental housing.

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