

To whom it may concern at the Oregon Legislature,

As a member of the Salem Rental Housing Association and a landlord of 11 rental units, all of which are rented for over \$1300 per month, I am writing to state that I am in support of direct rent assistance payments to landlords. Some of my tenants may not understand the importance to the economy to use governmental relief to pay their rent. That said, they may also need to use part of the funds for food and utilities. Perhaps a portion of the relief can be in the form of food stamps and vouchers for utility payments with the remainder going to landlords for rent.

I cannot afford to defer rent, but will likely have no choice as eviction is not an option if my tenants inability to pay rent is due to COVID-19 impacts.

I hope a solution for disaster relief will be found that supports both landlords and tenants. And, that it comes quickly as April 1st is fast approaching; mortgages are due, and more businesses are closing their doors.

Regards,

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