

To whom it may concern:

We are owners of some rental properties in Eugene (8 duplexes). We are starting to hear from tenants who are not going to be able to make their April 1 rent payment. Two of them are independent contractors who are not eligible for unemployment wages, so have no income since they were terminated a week ago. We do not use a property manager, so our relationship with our tenants is a very close one and it is heartbreaking to see them stressed by the loss of their employment. Hopefully that loss will be short-term.

Most of our tenants are long-term residents (up to 10-14 years), and would only fail to pay their rent if they simply didn't have the income necessary to do so.

Whatever steps the legislature can take to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis for both renters and rental owners will be very much appreciated. Making direct rent payments to landlords for those tenants who truly need help would allow tenants to focus on using whatever funds they have for their daily needs until they are able to work again.

Thank you for your attention.

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