

To the Task Force members:

Thank you for your efforts on the part of ALL Oregonians. We live in a great state and you are part of what makes it so!

Today I am writing because my family and I operate a rental home business and depend on it for our livelihoods. I am concerned that self-employed small business landlords like ourselves may fall through the financial cracks and not receive needed assistance or consideration.

Our story: My family owns, manages and maintains 20 single family rental homes which we have purchased and improved over the past 40 years in Eugene. We do not live "high on the hog", nor do our tenants. All of our homes are in the Whiteaker neighborhood of Eugene, which has always been one of the lowest rent/socioeconomic districts in our city. We strive to provide decent and well maintained homes to people at affordable rents.

Our business anticipates that a sizable percentage of our tenants will have trouble paying rent due to some aspect of the Coronavirus. We don't know yet what we are going to do about it all, but we are concerned about losing our houses and our livelihood! We understand that mass evictions will hurt everybody, and will try to be charitable with our tenants. We care about our tenants and our community and will follow the Golden Rule to the best of our abilities.

However, the bottom line for us is: If we can not pay our expenses due to loss of rental income, we could lose our business.

I implore you to remember us in your deliberations and recommendations and offer true aid to BOTH tenants and owner landlords who operate as a small business in Oregon.

We wish you all continued health in these unprecedented and scary times and thank you for working so hard on behalf of us all.

Sincerely,
Linda Frohbach, for Painter Living Trust