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*Regarding: The Emergency Committee formed to address the impacts of Covid-19 on the rental housing market.*

Dear Committee Members:

I am a landlord in Benton County who owns and manages eight units in Corvallis with tenants who are almost all Oregon State University students. I live on the income from these rentals.

I am writing to urge you to consider direct rent assistance payments to landlords.

I depend on my tenant's rent payments for basic living costs such as food, utilities, and mortgage payments. Disaster relief that includes direct payments to landlords would protect both tenant and landlord; it would provide housing stability for both parties.

Not all tenants and their parent co-signers will be hard pressed to pay rent in coming months. There needs to be some type of screening process to determine if their inability to pay rent is due directly to the COVID-19 pandemic. Without some type of proof that the COVID -19 is the true reason for un-paid rent, both landlords and the State of Oregon are vulnerable to fraud and abuse of needed funds.

Please consider the devastating impact of this unprecedented pandemic on the lives of rental property owners and their tenants, and find a solution that takes these concerns into account.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Nicholas