

I agree with all points in your letter. If we have a renter who decides to take a 3 month break from paying rent regardless of their personal financial situation, are they STILL legally responsible for paying it at some date, and if so -- someone is dreaming. Many if not most renters are living month to month and making up back rent would be hard.

Therefore, I agree that landlords are the ones who should be paid for a qualifying tenant.

If it is the opinion of the powers that be, that landlords can shoulder this hardship - I disagree. We are landlords of 3 single family houses in Medford and have had good tenants, and to reward them for being trustworthy and responsible, we have not raised rent with the market in ten years. We, also, are living month to month to pay taxes, garbage, insurance, maintenance and mortgages. The positive revenue we do make on our 3 combined rentals is quite small compared to our expenses.

Sincerely,
Cynthia and Chris Cooper
Landlords in Medford, Oregon