

Dear Oregon Emergency Committee Members:

I am a landlord whose livelihood comes from the monthly rent I receive. I provide my tenants with below market rents, a well maintained and safe home to reside in, and prompt response to any repairs that are needed. My monthly living expenses are paid from the rent I receive each month.

I'm writing to suggest that you consider an option regarding assistance to those who are in need right now. Not all of my tenants are impacted financially by COVID-19. They have jobs in industries that are still thriving and I have no reason to believe they will either stop paying rent or need assistance with rent. I am willing to defer rent for any of my tenants who are unable to pay their rent due to a loss of job or a reduction in income.

HUD is a program already in place and an expansion of this valuable program could also assist those in need. "No-evictions" and "free-rent" for all would both devastate those of us who rely on rental income to sustain our lives. Both of those could easily cause more damage because those who are able to pay rent would be incentivized to stop paying rent.

Please consider providing housing assistance to those who truly need it. Expanding HUD would be a great temporary and prudent solution.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone