

I am writing to encourage you to support direct rent assistance payments to landlords to ensure that renters retain their housing and landlords can continue to operate. Direct payments to landlords will keep the supply chain functioning, including mortgages, insurance, maintenance, etc. If relief is well thought out, housing stability for communities can be maintained.

My husband and I own two modest rental properties in Oregon. My husband is 60 years old and I am 65, we are both still working but hope to retire soon. We do not have a retirement pension and will need to rely on these two rentals for our livelihood. We do not have additional money to pay for the mortgages on these properties and will go into debt if there is a mortgage moratorium without support for us.

Thank you for your consideration, Jill Klenota and Ernst Henle