

Hello,

My husband and I are owners of 4 duplexes in Redmond, Oregon. We understand that your committee is trying to organize an effective response for relief to the economic impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on the rental housing industry. We have some concerns as landlords that we would like to share with you.

While we have some other sources of income (social security, etc.), our main living expenses are provided by the income we receive from our rental units. We are not getting rich off of these rents. We pay for food, gas, insurance, taxes and medical insurance using our rents received each month. If our tenants can't pay rent, it will force us to use savings intended for our later retirement years, causing us financial insecurity as we age. While we understand and empathize with a tenant who is unable to work and not get paid, we believe that any rent-relief should be paid to us directly and on a case-by-case basis rather than to the tenant(s) across the board.

My husband and I appreciate the complexity of these issues and hope that you will consider the needs of small landlords such as ourselves in your decision making.

Very truly yours,
Pamela and Jeff Roda
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