

As a landlord in Oregon, I would you to acknowledge that there are many, many of us with one or two rental properties. Not only may we, as landlords, have mortgages to meet, we also have the maintenance , upkeep and costs associated with owning rental properties. Costs such as waste disposal, water or other expenses paid for our tenants must be paid along with our own living costs for our individual homes.

Please acknowledge that we too, as landlords, have challenges to be met by current events. Many of us cannot bear the burden of paying for someone to live in our properties. We need to have a way to help, such as a forbearance (or some other term) on rent, without being penalized by legal issues that then preclude us from removing tenants who do not live up to their end of the bargain. If we enter into a forbearance with a tenant, they should have to honor their part down the road. And if a tenant causes damage, we should be able to protect our investment through penalties or eviction, if need be. This will help the "small businessperson/landlord" retain their rental properties and rent to tenants in the future.

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