

To you whom it may concern,

My name is Dan O'Neill and I am a property owner in Portland Oregon. For the past 25 years I have been rehabilitating, upgrading, maintaining, and improving places for people to live in Portland. I have always endeavored to keep my rents as low as possible and provide safe, clean, and affordable housing to all. Because I have always been a fair property owner and partner with my tenants I do not have an extraordinary cash reserve. It is imperative that tenants continue to pay their rents and that laws are followed.

The chaos that could ensue by

Deviating from these basic norms is difficult to comprehend. The reality of deviating from these norms would be catastrophic. This virus is severe, and has personally touched people that I know. I am also truly sympathetic to my tenants and anybody that has been financially/economically impacted by the "shelter in place" requirements for health. Public perception is key to public order. It is vital that the expectations imposed upon people during this crisis remain in place. The lack of ability to enforce contracts and make mortgage payments will severely impact a housing situation in Portland that is already under great stress. I urge you to consider relief for property owners in order that they continue to be able to provide housing for their tenants. Please also consider that a change in basic law and policy is not Warranted for this outbreak. It would be good if the federal government would guarantee a portion of peoples rents and or mortgage payments in the form of vouchers that can be given directly to Landlords and financial institutions. Your urgent consideration of this matter is imperative as we will have very little time to address this in a meaningful way as time is running out.

Sincerely,

Daniel O'Neill

Sent from my iPhone