

Hello, I wanted to share with you my perspective on the response from the state for rental properties during this crisis. My husband and I have three rental properties and we are very concerned about rent payments. Our rents currently cover the mortgage payment for the house and maintenance required to provide a rental home to someone in our community. There is not a profit above what our expenses are.

We have already had one tenant tell us they can not pay rent for the indefinite future. While we have told the tenant we will not charge any rent for up to two months, we will not be able to cover the expenses with no rent collection indefinitely. If the assistance from the state helped with mortgage payments, we would have more flexibility to wait this crisis out and not create a housing problem for our tenant. Please consider landlord assistance so that we can continue to maintain our properties AND provide housing to those most vulnerable during this unprecedented situation.

In addition, for those evictions that are currently in the pipeline, the state should honor the landlords' position and let those cases proceed in that the cause of the eviction is most likely not related to the current crisis.

Thank you for your consideration.  
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