

March 23, 2020

Joint Special Committee on Coronavirus Response
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Recommendations to mitigate impact from COVID-19 on Renters and Housing Providers

Dear Members of the Committee:

Thank you for taking time to consider our request. My wife and I are both retired. We put our retirement funds into rental property. We felt that we could expect to receive a reasonable return and provide well maintained dwellings for our tenants.

We are fortunate to have an excellent clientele. These folks are hard working, honest individuals, just trying to have a comfortable living.

Ours is a small undertaking. We have a three-plex on SE 52nd and a four-plex on SE 70th Avenue. As you must recognize, we are only renters ourselves. These two properties are owned by a financial institution. We have taxes, mortgage payments, insurance, and maintenance costs that are ongoing. These obligations are not optional. We simply can not afford to forgo rent payments for a period of several months.

We are members of the Rental Housing Alliance of Oregon. We hope you will consider adopting the recommendations our President, Ken Schriver outlined in his recent letter to your Committee.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Carl & Mitsy Dunlap