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To the Special Joint Committee on Coronavirus Response:

I am also sharing this email with Gov. Kate Brown.

I am a US History teacher at Reynolds High School in Troutdale, OR and a chair in the Reynolds Education Association. As such, I do a great deal of work with not just students, but families and community members in the East Multnomah County area.

I am greatly concerned about many of the people I work with day in and day out. Most are part of the nearly 40% of Americans who cannot afford a \$400 surprise expense, let alone the loss of employment or an extended reduction in hours.

As I am sure you are well aware, food scarcity is a great concern and the schools and other community organizations are doing their best to ensure kids 18 and under are able to receive at least one meal each day the schools are closed. This is a first step.

What may be of even greater long term importance, however, is housing security. Few of these families have savings to afford rent or mortgage payments if they are out of work or their hours are significantly reduced. If they cannot make their rent payments, many landlords will then be forced to default on the mortgages they have on those same properties.

For this reason, I am calling on you to recommend a state-wise moratorium on all rent and mortgage payments for the next two months, with a automatic extensions if the larger shutdown continues. Even if everyone is able to return to work full time in the next few weeks, it will take at least two months for people to get back on their feet. From my understanding, Multnomah County is already taking steps in this direction.

Pres. Trump is already working to protect the giant corporations, especially in the fossil fuel industry. It is going to be up to us to take care of and protect low and middle income Oregonians.

Thank you for you time.

Sincerely,  
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