Hello,

My name is Shirley Vivian Barksdale and I am demanding a rent freeze in the Portland area NOW, extending to private landlords. I was laid off my service industry job in January due to cut backs and didn't qualify for for unemployment at the time because I was in school. I blew through my savings because there were a lot of lay offs in Jan. and it is the slowest month for the service industry and I couldn't find another gig until mid-Feb. I finally finished training at my new job only to be laid off again because of the COVID-19. Unemployment offices are backed up and it will be weeks, maybe even up to two months until I would be able to see a paycheck that wouldn't even help me stay afloat. WE NEED A RENT FREEZE NOW. Thousands of employees in Portland NEED THIS MORE THAN EVER. It is non-negotiable.

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