

Hello to Senator Fagan and Representative Reardon,

My name is Brandi Tuck, and I am the Executive Director of [Portland Homeless Family Solutions](#) - in the Lents neighborhood of SE Portland. We empower homeless families with children to get back into housing and stay there, and we operate [Family Village](#) - a shelter for 25 homeless families with children, employing trauma informed design and architecture.

I believe every Oregonian deserves a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. Today, too many people across Oregon are struggling to pay their rent or mortgage and put food on the table.

At PHFS, the families we work with are struggling now more than ever. Parents are out of work either because they were laid off or because they have no childcare for their kids. A lot of community resources and social supports aren't available to our families right now, and mental health concerns are exacerbated. Plus everyone is scared about getting covid, and riding public transportation makes it even scarier.

One additional stress that our families have is their rent. Some families have fallen behind on their rent due to the covid crisis, and they tell us they don't know how they are going to pay back the rent that is owed. PHFS helps as much as we can, but our rent assistance resources are limited especially at the end of a fiscal year.

During the special session this June, please extend the eviction moratorium, enact a repayment period, and enact foreclosure protections.

Having a stable home is so important right now.

Thank you.

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