



June 23, 2020

Joint Interim Committee on the First Special Session of 2020  
Oregon Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chair Courtney, Co-Chair Kotek, Co-Vice-Chair Girod, Co-Vice-Chair Drazan, and members of the committee:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Legislative Committee of CAPO, the network of Oregon's Community Action agencies, to express our support for LC 45 (Sections 1-6) and LC 90, and request that you take further action to prevent evictions across the State. We are asking that you extend the moratorium on evictions to support housing stability for Oregonians who rent their homes.

As you know, households across Oregon are making impossible choices with limited resources to pay their rent and meet basic needs during this public health crisis. Some households are paying rent with a credit card. The New York Times reported in late May that: "Without a new round of government intervention...we will have an avalanche of evictions across the country." We urge you to extend the eviction moratorium and take legislative action to provide tenants with at least 6 months to repay unpaid rent. We believe that housing stability must be a top priority for the Legislature.

Additionally, CAPO is supportive of the policies outlined in the LC 45 and LC 90, that are complimentary with the e-board allocations. It gives community action, housing authorities and other rental assistance providers time to get delinquent households caught up on rent, and makes sure that resources are coordinated with state policy and used in the most efficacious way.

CAPO's 18 member agencies have extensive experience supporting households who rent their homes across every county in Oregon. We provide long and short-term rent assistance, and know firsthand that people with low incomes will experience a crisis of evictions if the current moratorium is allowed to expire on June 30.

We express our strong support for extending the eviction moratorium through LC 45 and LC 90, and enacting a six-month repayment period. A repayment period will be critical to supporting tenants to pay back rent – we know that supporting tenants by expanding rent assistance programs will be critical.

We urge your support of LC 45, Sections 1-6, and LC 90.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Jones, Chair  
CAPO Legislative Committee