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Good Afternoon Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

My name is A.J. Mendoza, my pronouns are he/him/his, and I am a resident of Clackamas County. I am reaching out in my capacity as president of the Communications Workers of America Local 7901. In advance of the June 24th emergency session, and on behalf our statewide membership of 700 workers, the majority residing in Multnomah County, I would implore you to extend Oregon's eviction moratorium. Furthermore our Union implores the Legislature to work to create a plan to address the accumulated backrent that will put Oregonians at risk of houselessness in July, and to be clear, a plan that forgives that backrent.

On Friday I became aware of the first six cases of COVID-19 in the membership of my Union- I'm struggling to make sense of why our state is opening back up to full capacity at all, and fear that this crisis is going to become much worse.

CWA Local 7901 asks that you support workers and renters by extending the moratorium. We need stronger protections from the threat of eviction due to the pandemic. Members of my Union do not need to fear losing their homes during this crisis, no Oregonian does. Thank you for your time.

**A.J. Mendoza**

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