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Subject: Please extend the eviction moratorium and cancel rent!
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Hi,

My name is Alison Mowlds and I live in NW Portland Oregon. I am writing to you in advance of the June 24th session to request that you please extend the eviction moratorium and draft a plan to cancel back rent for Multnomah County renters.

My boyfriend and I live paycheck to paycheck and he lost both of his jobs as a bartender and musician due to COVID-19. He has been out of work since mid March and I have been supporting us both, which has put me in severe credit card debt. Even though he is now receiving unemployment, he does not have a stable or secure income, and we are very concerned about our livelihood. He found out yesterday that he has now been permanently laid off, as the music venue he works for (as a bartender) is struggling to reopen and cannot hire him back.

We have no idea how we are going to pay back missed rent payments or how long it is going to take him to find a new job that pays well and is secure and consistent.

We ask that you please stand with us to request an extension to the eviction moratorium since we are not any better off now than we were in March or April. We also ask that you go a step further to reduce or cancel the rent that we have no way of paying back due to so much lost income and no hope of returning to “normalcy” for a very long time. Multnomah county is in a particularly bad place since the food, beverage, and hospitality industries make up so many jobs and yet we are risking our own lives and others lives every time we go out to eat or drink. Please take this into consideration when making decisions that will affect Portland residents.

Thank you for your time,

Alison Mowlds