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My name is Jeannine Jolicoeur-Duehren and I am submitting my testimony regarding the Special Session Bill LC 45. As a long time landlord in Columbia County, I am extremely concerned with the issues facing people during this horrible Pandemic Crisis. Loss of jobs, loss of life, it is so tragic for many. Oregon has done a much better job than most states in managing the Covid 19 crisis, but I do have concerns regarding the bill being introduced in the 2020 Special Session, Bill LC 45. While it is important to to not throw people out on the streets during this time, it is also important not to bankrupt small businesses like mine that not only provide quality, affordable housing to people, but also financially support local businesses and government.

I agree that we must come up with a solution for people who have been negatively affected financially during this crisis, but putting that burden on Landlords is not the answer. We need Oregon to help provide financial assistance to it's citizens much in the same way Oregon provides assistance for food and health care for those in need. There also needs to be accountability for tenants that are financially able to pay rent and bills so that help can given to those in financial straits. As a landlord, I have worked to help tenants with rent freezes, providing information for resources for rental and other assistance in addition to the additional expense and effort for cleaning to help our tenants stay safe. This bill seems short sighted at best, especially when you consider that Governor Brown has the power to

extend the eviction moratorium without a bill that will continue to erode our economy, violate current law and destroy more small businesses. Let's work together to help Oregonians have safe and affordable housing!

Thank you for allowing my testimony.

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