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Subject: Proposed Housing Moratorium Extension
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My name is Thomas Barnes:

I am the owner of Lincoln Woods Apartments which is home to 77 families in Lincoln City, Oregon.

I am writing today because I am deeply concerned about the proposal regarding residential/commercial evictions.

Are you aware that under this proposal that you would be voting on legislation **that gives you the right to take my property without clear compensation?**

The proposed legislation also:

- Does not address the \$1.5M shortfall in rental assistance funding for struggling Oregonians.
- Lacks a minimum objective demonstration that nonpayment of rent is tied to COVID-19 virus, creating a loophole for those looking to exploit a crisis in their favor.
- Declares that the tenant has possession of the unit despite nonpayment of rent, which is rewriting contract law.
- At a minimum, creates a yearlong state seizure of property with no reassurance of compensation.
- Aggressively penalizes housing providers for administrative errors but gives no guarantee of relief to housing providers who incur property damages during the moratorium.
- Provides immunity to shelter operators and public entities but not to rental housing providers.

COVID-19 has impacted all of us. I am asking you to look beyond the hyped-up politics of renters vs landlords, and recognize the value of providing housing in Oregon. There are 70,000 Unemployment Insurance claims still pending and over \$63 million in rental income assistance is waiting to be distributed. These are the problems that need to be addressed.

Please vote against this proposed legislation.

I understand that the Governor, through her Executive Order, has the power to extend the eviction moratorium. I think the Governor should be able to address this issue without the political horse trading of the special session.

Thank you for your consideration.

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