

Members Of The Committee,

My name is Matt Dorrien and I live in Portland, Oregon. Im reaching out to you before the June 24th Emergency Session to tell you how I've been severely affected by the COVID19 crisis, and to implore you to extend Oregon's Eviction Moratorium and work towards creating a plan to address the accumulated backrent that will put so many Oregonians at risk of houselessness in July!

I am a musician and former service industry employee of the local music venue Revolution Hall. As you well know the music industry has been severely crippled by this pandemic, and many if not all smaller music venues around the country are at risk of permanent closure if the government doesn't step in with funding. Needless to say, I have been doubly affected by this crisis. Since March, I have been temporarily unemployed from the venue, and with no full reopening in sight my temporary status just became permanent. I have also been unable to release music, or book tours this year, and that is going to drastically affect my ability to do so next year. All of that hinges on whether or not smaller venues survive and the music industry and touring (which is how musicians such as myself make a living) are able to return to some semblance of normalcy. This leaves me in quite a precarious financial situation, especially if the CARES act ends next month, and if the Eviction Moratorium is lifted and backrent is not cancelled. I have no way of making the money back that I lost in the first few weeks of this pandemic, nor will looking for a job once this is all over be an easy or safe transition.

During the special session on June 24th, please stand with me and my neighbors in calling for an extension of the moratorium. We need stronger protections from the threat of eviction due to COVID. No one should lose their home during this crisis.

Thank you for your time,  
Matt Dorrien