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Oregon State Legislature

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Rep.TawnaSanchez@oregonlegislature.gov

Sen.LewFrederick@oregonlegislature.gov

RE: Housing Stability – Eviction Moratorium

Dear Legislators,

Community Development Partners' (CDP) mission is to develop and operate sustainable, life-enhancing affordable housing with a focus on long-term community engagement. CDP provides affordable housing in Salem, Albany, Corvallis and the Portland Metro Area. We are also actively working to bring new affordable housing to St. Helens and La Grande.

We believe that every Oregonian deserves a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home.

In these unsettling times, housing stability is a critical component of reducing the impacts of this pandemic and the associated economic crisis we are all facing. We all need a safe place to shelter.

Therefore, we are requesting that the Legislature enact a strong eviction moratorium and repayment period. As a housing provider, we see firsthand the impossible financial decisions households are forced to make, increasingly resulting in them being unable to pay rent. If we do not act, we risk exacerbating an already overburdened system that is not equipped to reverse what can be prevented by action now.

We look forward to the Legislature enacting a strong eviction moratorium and working collaboratively with the State to ensure we rise to this occasion and ensure housing stability in our state.

Thank you for your dedication to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessica Woodruff'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Jessica' being more prominent than the last name 'Woodruff'.

Jessica Woodruff
Director of Development
Community Development Partners