

Dear Joint interim committee

Our names are Diane Johnson and Ovidio Garcia, owners of a house in Multnomah County Portland with small ADU on property that we rent.

We are writing you to express the devastating situation the housing moratorium is imposing on us. It is a bad bill for many reasons and more so because it provides our tenant with a loophole to exploit a crisis in her favor.

The lease agreement with our tenant finalized in March and since then we agreed to month to month until the end of June. However, she would not honor the agreement and provides no end date or solution, as she can stay put indefinitely due to the moratorium. We are willing to cover the costs of relocation, provide free rent, utilities (which we already do), but there is no negotiation possible as she just does not have to comply given the moratorium. We might add, she has the means to pay rent consistently and we are not claiming anything from her. COVID-19 has impacted all of us, and in our case it means making drastic financial adjustments to provide for our two children and our 80 year old mother. We would need to sell our home to prepare for the upcoming months and we can not because of this situation which can have devastating impact for us.

This moratorium denies the validity of contractual agreements and in our case the bill is holding us economically hostage of a tenant's behavior & will that otherwise is in a position to find and pay for similar housing elsewhere.

Please stop this bill for moving forward, no to the housing moratorium extension.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Diane Johnson and Ovidio Garcia