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My name is Jill Hermesen; I live in Redmond, Oregon and we provide inexpensive housing for people and families, in Redmond, OR.

Our rents are 40% below market value because we want families to save for a down payment in order to buy their own home someday. But in the meantime, they can live in a nice home so they are not homeless.

We have had tenants who have not paid their rent (because of the Governor's COVID Executive Orders and the Legislature not overriding them). We are not kicking them out but are working with them.

These homes did not come to us without HARD work. My dad worked the same job for 38 years, in downtown Portland, and we went without so he could buy a few homes in order to give families inexpensive rent so they could save for a house down payment, and many have!

The real problem is the Governor and Legislature closed private and governmental businesses and took away jobs for longer than 14-28 days.
That is the cause of all of these problems.

That is why the Oregon Constitution limits a state of an emergency to 14-28 days, because of the devastation to society.

After 28 days, ALL business should have been opened.

If you care about people and Oregonians you will open all businesses and reinstate all jobs, today!

You cannot target, penalize and jeopardise the lives of any people group, but by suspending rent payments, to housing providers, you are doing that.

Housing providers pay property taxes and home insurance and all home repairs for the homes families live in.

No one is being taken advantage of. Some tenants do not want that added financial responsibility and so they intentionally rent. Some tenants want to raise their family in a home and put down roots and just be responsible for paying the rent.

How would you like to work (repair homes and pay property taxes and insurance) but not receive a paycheck? That is what you are asking housing providers to do.

Housing providers need the rent to ensure we are providing safe housing so families are not homeless and can stay in the home they love.

If you commandere and seize our rent payments the above fixed costs will not get covered and housing will be unsafe and families will suffer and potentially be homeless anyway.

The Oregon Constitution says the government cannot commandere or seize private property without paying full market value, IN ADVANCE.

By you suspending rent payments you are commanding and seizing private property so we want our rent payments, from you, in advance, as the law states.

If you really care about people you will open all businesses (private and public) so all people are back to work.

And don't think this willl not effect you or your loved ones. Everything you do will trickle down and affect you and someone you know and love, someday.

If you hamstring society, you are hamstringing yourself.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Jill Hermesen