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Dear Legislature and my legislative team,

The proposed changes to the eviction laws are patently unacceptable. It lacks minimum demonstration and proof of Covid 19 virus or unemployment on the part of the tenant thus allowing those with multiple reasons to stop paying rent to do so within this loop-hole and with impunity. Proof must be provided for such a provision to be fair and equitable.

The tenant should under no circumstances be allowed possession of a property that is the landlord's fiscal and personal and ethical responsibility to maintain and offer in good condition to the public. This violates the very foundation of contract law and is totally unreasonable. It removes all responsibility from the tenant.

Small scale landlords provide the last remaining affordable units left in metropolitan Portland. Denying them a fair process and means to conduct business is the opposite of what lawmakers purport to be doing.

Please enter this into public testimony.

Thank you
Mary E Roberts