

**From:** [Morgan Lewis](#)  
**To:** [J1SS Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Extend the CoVid-19 eviction moratorium  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:04:58 PM

---

Greetings members of the committee.

I am Morgan Lewis. I live in Eugene, and previously lived for many years in Springfield. I'm reaching out to you before the June 24th emergency session to implore you to extend Oregon's eviction moratorium and to work to create a plan to address the accumulated backrent that will put so many Oregonians at risk of homelessness in July.

During the CoVid crisis, an enormous amount of renters in Oregon have lost their income and faced extraordinary hardship. Many of those renters have not been able to access rental assistance in the time allotted for them. The lifting of the governor's eviction moratorium could put hundreds of thousands of working families at risk of losing their homes.

I was among the first people in this nation to be laid off due to the economic impact of CoVid-19, as I worked in the events industry, and many others from my company and industry were laid off at the same time. Many friends and family members are facing difficulty paying their rent during this time. Some were facing hardship even before it hit. And simple mathematics dictates that when you have hundreds of thousands of people in the state, millions in the nation, who are all laid off for the same cause, that economic recovery is not going to be swift. We're looking at several months, at minimum, for peoples' lives to return to normal. If those people lose their homes, that will be extended to years of economic recession. Both economic reason and basic humanity require that people be taken care of in this crisis.

During the special session on June 24th, 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-19. Nobody should lose their homes during this crisis.

Thank you for your time.

Morgan Lewis