

Co-Chairs President Courtney & Speaker Tina Kotek, Co-Vice Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Drazen, [members of the Committee](#),

For the record, my name is Deborah Olson and I live in Gresham (Multnomah County) I hear how many of my neighbors are struggling to make rent, get food, not get this medicine. So many folks are getting at least 1 or 2 food boxes a month.

Thank you for working to extend the eviction moratorium and provide funding for rent assistance so that (some of my friends that I consider family) do not pay the price of surviving this pandemic, ending up on the streets. We already have too many houseless persons, families with children, families without children.

From time to time I see the police chase out a houseless woman from the Civic MAX stop where she vacations out of the rain. I see her at the bus stop in front of the Rockwood Library with all she owns. I know she has been houseless for 3 years at least.

WE Do NOT need another 176,000 human beings out on the streets. Some of my neighbors have moved away, DUE to rent rape/gouging and rent increases still going on in the 2020 PANDEMIC. NOW a few of my friends are Displaced out of Gresham.

- COVID-19 isn't ending on December 31. Protections for people like me shouldn't either. Renters, Some folks who are behind in space rent/
- The eviction moratorium should be extended through June of 2021 to help families get through the school year.
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- There should be a landlord compensation fund that helps smaller landlords with back rent to help stabilize the housing market.
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- Our Black and Brown neighbors are at the greatest risk of lifelong harm from the COVID evictions. Discriminatory housing policies have homeownership difficult and inaccessible, leaving people of color at higher risk of rental evictions even as higher rates of COVID exposure are leaving people ill and economically stressed.
  - Until there are vaccines for everyone, The safest place for people to be in the 2020 & 2021 pandemic is safe at home. Families and individuals will be at higher risk of COVID if they lose their homes and our communities will have increased spread of this terrible disease.
  - Families need stability to provide for their children's education. More than one in five families with children who rent their homes say they may not be able to pay next month's rent. Oregon already has one of the highest rates of student homelessness in the country. We cannot force families whose children have been learning remotely to lose stability, internet connection and the ability to keep their education going in the pandemic.

- This issue crosses party and geographic lines. Republicans and Democrats alike will face eviction through no fault of their own because of COVID lost income. And rural Oregon has the highest rates of student homelessness in the state. I have family in Rural Oregon fighting Covid now.
- Oregon's renting families have hung on this long. We cannot take away their lifeline now. We promised Oregon renters that they wouldn't lose their homes during the pandemic. We need to keep that promise and I urge you to pass LC 18.

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I also have many concerns how the tenants will know how much rent is paid on their behalf? When? Where are the receipts?

Since a few nonprofits are now closed and out of business and more maybe closing their doors. I believe the City Governments need to keep rent records on behalf of renters. To keep copies of that information for at least 10 years.

And the signed agreement the LandLord will write off the 20% rent not collected. That is to BE FORGIVING by the LandLORD on record for a minimum 10 years In each city Government or County Government. Because the Tenant needs to access that information. The nonprofit that did the rent help may change its name, move, or close.

I see everyone vaccinated by June 2021. I still see so many without work.

Thank you,

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