

To whom it may concern:

I was very excited to see Multnomah County extend it's eviction moratorium today; the rest of the state needs the stability I feel right now.

While unemployment insurance should have been available for me in a timely fashion, I received my first check from the state just this month. Because of this, I am behind on my rent and I have not yet received all of the approved payments from unemployment insurance, it has not made up for my loss of income.

Under LC 18 I would almost be covered from eviction except that I live with a landlord that has been attempting to harass me into self-eviction. If he finds he can simply claim he is going to occupy the unit, he will attempt to evict me; he has already attempted before unsuccessfully. This is not the time to provide abusive landlords room to forcibly remove tenants, everyone in our state needs to be protected from eviction to prevent the further spread of covid-19. This is not the time for half measures and pandering to business interests, we will all feel the effects if the coronavirus crises is extended because of badly created policy.

Sincerely,  
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