

Dear Esteemed Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing to support the extension of the eviction moratorium until at least July 2021, following the leadership of Multnomah County [who has done just that](#).

I work at OHSU's only Federally Qualified Health Center, meaning our clinic primarily serves patients who are on Medicaid, have no insurance, or live with low income. **I can tell you with absolute certainty that failing to extend the eviction moratorium will cause devastating impacts for our patients and their health.**

We are in the middle of a freezing winter, amidst a deadly pandemic, and our patients cannot afford to lose their housing right now. We know that housing is critical to a healthy life, and there is [strong evidence characterizing housing's relationship to health](#).

I speak not only for our vulnerable patients, but as a renter myself. **Please extend the eviction moratorium.** The alternative is that the state will allow thousands of us-- our families, our community members-- to become houseless, to face long-lasting financial impacts, to disrupt our families and lives.

Oregonians are counting on you. It is imperative that you act now, and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,



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