

Dear Joint Interim Committee On The Third Special Session of 2020:

I respectfully request inclusion of one brief comment pertaining to LC 18 materials posted for the meeting on 12/17/2020 6:00 PM.

My sincere apologies if the concept I mention herein is already included in the LC: I am responding as a volunteer citizen participant on this matter and was unable to devote adequate time to fully review all aspects of this crucial LC.

In sum, I would emphatically assert that to maximize benefits to the citizens of our state, funds disbursed by this LC must prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable.

For example, I believe a "tiered system" of funding prioritization would ensure both funding and appropriately minimized application complexity for especially vulnerable populations in our state, including:

- Small landlords
- Low SES populations
- Rural and frontier communities
- Communities of color
- The elderly and those living with disabilities
- Veterans
- Native Americans
- Etc.

Our ability to protect the needs of those who need it most will also ensure that these monies will flow into and strengthen our state's economy as much as we can. To emphasize further: It would be fiscally-unwise for the needs of everyday people in our state to have outflows of these funds end up in out-of-state interests and entities such as speculative business entities, REITs, hedge funds, family offices, and the like.

Thank you for your consideration: I remain grateful for the commitment and work of this subcommittee to protect the needs of everyday people and communities all over Oregon.

Sincerely,

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*N.B. I am speaking on behalf of myself and do not represent the opinion of the Party as a whole.

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