

To whom it concerns,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my neighbors in SW Multnomah village who are single family home property owners and landlords of in home units. The legislation before you is not a long term solution, and will unduly and aggressively penalize housing providers who are already struggling during the pandemic to financially maintain their units.

There needs to be:

- the Governor should provide an Executive Order to extend the moratorium, and avoid this political horse trading of the special session.
- Rental assistance to struggling Oregonians, INCLUDING financial relief for HOME PROVIDER/LANDLORDS who are also unemployed and having to provide this free housing - we are already facing a **\$150M** shortfall in unpaid rent.
- Improve the distribution of rental assistance with a uniform application process so that struggling Oregonians can receive assistance NOW.
- Open courts to process housing providers claims for damages and losses to minimize debt and preserve naturally affordable rental housing.
- Establishes liability protection for housing providers, with exception for gross negligence, to head off costly frivolous lawsuits further restricting housing supply and jamming our courts.
- DO NOT CODIFY an emergency order into law.
- Set appropriate means to verify tenant renter relief is not fraudulent, is truly Covid 19 related loss or illness, set stricter standards to qualify so as not to put the burden on the housing provider/landlord.

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Sincerely,

Melinda Russell
SW Portland homeowner