



**Testimony in Support of House Bill 4212
Joint Committee on the First Special Session of 2020
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Co-Chairs Kotek and Courtney, Co-Vice Chairs Girod and Drazan and Members of the Committee

CASA of Oregon works primarily in rural communities, particularly within the farmworker and other marginalized communities. Many of these Oregonians are working in essential industries that have been hit particularly hard by the virus. In good times they struggle to make ends meet and now they are faced with extraordinary challenges.

HB 4212 would continue the governor's eviction moratorium and would also enact provisions for prevention of foreclosures. We are also asking the Legislature to establish a repayment period for those who have been unable to pay their rent due to job losses. This repayment period would be for six months. This will allow people the time needed to get back on their feet so as to be able to pay back any rent that was due during the moratorium.

We also support the efforts to make the Individual development Account (IDA) available for emergencies. As the largest providers of IDAs in Oregon, we believe that these changes are essential to helping our clients weather this current crises.

Thank you for all that you do and we urge you to pass HB 4212.