

Hi,

My name is Jessica Mathis, and I live in Portland. I am worried about the impact that the end of eviction moratorium will have on communities of color. Many families and small businesses are already struggling to succeed, and given the current political climate, the incredible amounts of stress impacting the Black community is taking us to our limit. Losing housing is a set back that our community cannot afford.

I have been fortunate enough to have steady employment through this pandemic. That support has allowed me to stay stable in housing, take care of myself emotionally during this ongoing epidemic of violence against Black people, and provide for my basic needs. That has not been the case for everyone in my social circle. My friends are scared. I am working class, my friends are working class, none of us can afford to pay months of back rent instantaneously come July 1st. Many folks haven't received their unemployment and businesses are opening back up slowly. The jobs don't exist and many people are afraid of becoming homeless.

During the special session, please extend the eviction moratorium, enact a repayment period, and enact a foreclosure moratorium.

Having a stable home is so important right now, it's the only thing some people have right now.

Thank you.