



June 24, 2020

To Chair Courtney, Chair Kotek, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Caitlyn Kennedy Young and I am asking for your support of HB 4213, the bill to limit evictions related to COVID19 and set rent repayment expectations. I am asking for this support because I know that with Oregon's housing crisis the pre-dated COVID we still need innovative solutions to keep individuals safe and secure in their housing and this bill with drastically help those in need.

I oversee the tenant education program, Rent Well, that is owned by Transition Projects. This program teaches tenants about their rights and responsibilities as renters. Regardless of all the skills, tools, and resources that this class can offer there is currently no tool greater than a extension of a moratorium for COVID related evictions and clear guidelines for both tenants and landlords when it comes to repayment of past rent in these situations.

We have seen a sharp increase in the number of those wishing to enroll in classes since COVID began. There are several students in our current classes that are working hard to find a stable and stay place for themselves and their family during this pandemic. Nearly half of them are unsure about how they are going to stay in their homes after the clock strikes midnight on June 30th. Please protect our fellow Oregonians and find the needed to continue to support these folks in staying housed.

I highly encourage your support to pass HB 4213 and thus ensuring that we can continue to ensure every Oregonian deserves a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. Thank you so much for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caitlyn Kennedy Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caitlyn Kennedy Young | Rent Well Program Administrator
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