

To: Honored Members of the Joint Committee On The First Special Session of 2020  
From: Genevieve Schaack, Teacher, Eugene, OR  
RE: HB 4213, HB 4204

Hello,

I am writing in support of HB 4213 to continue the prohibition of evictions of residential and commercial properties during the emergency period. While there remains much work to be done in providing affordable, safe housing for all Oregonians, this is at least one small step to help many weather the tragic realities of both the economic and public health crises. It is also imperative, at a minimum, that you also pass HB 4204 to help home and business owners similarly impacted, as well as alleviate the strain to landlords experiencing a secondary financial stress in some cases resulting from 4213. While I continue to view land ownership as an investment not an income, even in the case of owner occupancy, we will never be able to “get back to normal” if thousands are thrown out into the streets, if mortgages and loans are defaulted on, leaving the buildings to decay. These Bills, while necessary, remain short sighted. In particular, the ability of a renter to make up the payments in arrears is little to none, especially if their income was impacted through the duration of the state of emergency. I ask that you find ways to do more.

Thank you,

Genevieve Schaack