

Dear Governor Brown and Oregon Legislature,

I am a landlord who owns a duplex. I have had the privilege of saving for a rainy day or for a Covid virus. My tenants do not have that option. I believe most landlords who think and plan have saved for such contingencies and I urge you to extend the eviction moratorium and an extended repayment period for the missed payments.

Larger companies may cry wolf because of their investors, but their investors should also be willing to support these extensions because putting people out on the street will cause great loss in terms of rentable time and needed renovations to units.

Not extending will also create a gap in human justice. Families and individuals kept in homes are the equivalent of an asset for the state of Oregon. It costs a lot more for our government to take care of people whose lives are already on the edge.

Not extending the moratorium and the repayment period will cost the state of Oregon a great deal in accumulated poverty, misery and the cost of supporting those who have lost everything.

I also have elderly neighbors who need the help of the CARES act. I hope that all people who live in Oregon can be extended this same level of help with their mortgage, by rolling missed payments to the end of the loan term.

Please vote yes for these changes.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Rae Richen  
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