

I live and work in Portland and am writing to urge you to consider the plight of many Portland landlords. As you work in this special session to extend the eviction moratorium, please keep in mind that while doing so may be necessary to stabilize society as a whole during this emergency, it is having a devastating effect on many landlords, including myself.

I teach second grade in Portland Public Schools and am a one-income household. I currently own one rental unit in the city of Portland. My renter stopped paying rent two months ago, which means that I am paying her living expenses and mine. If the moratorium is extended without any financial support for landlords, I cannot overstate how financially disastrous that will be for me and others in my position. I have worked my entire life to be in the position to own a rental; having to carry those payments, as well as my own living expenses, means that I am rapidly running through my savings. I will not be able to continue much longer and am being forced into a financial position from which I very likely may never recover.

Please amend the eviction moratorium to include some form of financial relief for smaller landlords. At best, I will take a serious and potentially irrecoverable financial hit; at worst, when the moratorium is over, I may need to evict my tenant and sell my rental to avoid having to enter bankruptcy. There are many other Oregonians in my position and we desperately need your help.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Melinda Good