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Senate President Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
Speaker of the House Tina Kotek, Co-Chair  
Joint Interim Committee On The First Special Session of 2020  
Oregon Legislature

Re: Support for HB 4213 – Eviction Moratoriums

Dear Co-Chair Courtney, Co-Chair Kotek and Members of the Committee:

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC) represents the mayors of 26 cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. As mayors, the health, safety and well-being of our city residents is of the utmost importance, and we commend the Oregon Legislature for introducing a series of legislative proposals aimed at helping Oregonians to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As mayors, we fear that the economic challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic will be compounded by the evictions of our residents and businesses that can no longer afford to pay rent. We believe it is critical that Oregonians do not lose their homes and businesses because of the coronavirus crisis, and we were strongly supportive of Governor Brown's decision to enact a temporary moratorium on residential and commercial evictions via executive order.

The MMC supports HB 4213, which would codify and extend this temporary eviction moratorium in statute in order to help people and businesses to endure and recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19. Should the COVID-19 pandemic last beyond the timeframe outlined in the bill, we recommend that the legislature consider extending the timelines of the eviction moratorium accordingly.

The mayors of the MMC are doing everything in our power to help people in our cities during their time of need, and we appreciate the efforts of the Oregon Legislature to protect Oregonians from evictions during this challenging time. Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium