

Co-Chairs President Courtney & Speaker Tina Kotek, Co-Vice Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Drazen, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

I am a veteran and am on a limited, fixed income. I live paycheck to paycheck, so when the pandemic hit I faced a lot of financial challenges that I don't have the wiggle room to deal with. In response to schools closing and stay at home orders, my kids are all home all day, which is putting a lot of pressure on my budget for them to have all meals at home. I've struggled to pay rent, but have prioritized my housing and paying rent by sacrificing other things. Each month I've had to choose between paying rent or feeding my family. I had to choose between paying for lights or for water.

As a survivor of domestic violence, I especially know how housing security puts people in abusive situations at particular risk.

The eviction moratorium is critical for tenants and their families during the pandemic. Please vote yes to extend the eviction moratorium.

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