

Dear Joint Interim Committee Members,

Thank you for all of your efforts around LC 18, on behalf of both tenants and landlords.

I strongly encourage you to pass LC 18, as it will greatly help both landlords and tenants who have been severely impacted by the economic crisis ushered in with the covid-19 pandemic.

My personal connection to this situation involves my 85 year old mother, who rents a house in Portland to a tenant that has not paid rent since March. That rent is her main source of income, to pay for food, medications and housing. She's currently living off of a home equity loan, which is not sustainable. The LC 18 fund to assist small landlords would greatly help her, and would also help her tenant who may qualify to have some of all of his debt forgiven. Ideally she could move back into her house, which is where she lived for 27 years and only recently began renting. She needs this safe and familiar place to live during the pandemic, and on an ongoing basis given her health.

Thank you!!

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