

Good morning,

I would like to introduce myself as a Business Manager with a national property management development and management company. I directly oversee Revere PDX, a 211-unit building within Portland city limits and in Multnomah County.

Right now, our community has two households/families, who are thousands of dollars behind on rent delinquency and have no support to get through these challenging times. One of these households recently sold their car just to have extra funds to put food on the table, keep their utilities active, and make basic necessities. Right now what they need is not for another extension on an eviction moratorium. Rather, they are in need of financial assistance and rental assistance. If these households had the governmental support to begin making rental payments, their past due balances would not continue to grow to an amount that no average household could afford to repay. These families need rent and utilities assistance now; without this support, they're going to financially drown and slip into poverty. Last week, we had one more family that vacated due to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown. It breaks my heart to say this, but they won't have any financial support or opportunity to pay back their funds which will force our organization to submit their account to rental collections when legally able. This will affect their credit, financial background, and housing opportunities for years to come.

Did you know the median household income in Portland, OR, is just over \$73,000 annually, gross pay? This equates down to approximately \$2,165 every two weeks of net pay. With average rents being between \$1,600 - \$1,900 in our neighborhood for basic one-bedroom homes, this averages out to a majority of one median household's average income per paycheck, on a bi-weekly pay schedule. When factoring in rent, utilities, car note, car insurance, food/groceries, medical insurance/healthcare, or other basic needs, the average household has no extra funds in their budgets to set large amounts of money aside to repay these back payments of rent. Simply put, it's going to follow them, possibly for years.

What we need is more economic support for the families affected. Rental and utilities assistance programs to help these families will make the difference between future homelessness and poverty, and keeping these families in their homes. Postponing the eviction moratorium is not the answer or solution we need.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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