

Dear Representatives,

I urge you to hold a special session to pass an extension of the eviction moratorium and provide \$200 million in financial assistance to tenants and landlords. Until there are enough vaccines for everyone in our state, we need to pull together and do everything we can to help each other through.

Passage of this bill will help families, individuals, and our communities. According to an article in the Journal of Urban Health, states that have lifted eviction moratoriums have more than twice the spread of COVID-19 and more than five times the mortality.

Without action, we will be facing a new homelessness crisis in the dead of winter as families are trying to do remote schooling and hold on until the vaccine is widely available and our economy reopens. 22% of Oregon renting families with children say they have low confidence they can make next month's rent. 40% of Hispanic/Latino renters, 31% of Black renters and 27% of renters over 55 years old say the same.

Come January, if they can't pay rent, they can be evicted if the legislature doesn't take action. Oregon's renting families have hung on this long. We cannot take away their lifeline now.

That is why I am writing to urge that during the special session you vote YES to:

- Extend the eviction moratorium to get families through the school year - to July 1, 2021
- Provide protection to protect both renters and landlords against financial losses from back rent.
 - Extend the grace period for repayment
 - Ensure back debt can't be used to evict
 - Provide dollars for rent assistance

Thank you for everything you are doing to help Oregonians during this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Caroline McDonald

Caroline McDonald (*she, her, hers*)
Graduate Support Assistant

Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest
St. Andrew Nativity School
4925 NE 9th Avenue
Portland, OR 97211
Ph: (503) 673-3994
Email: cmcdonald@nativityportland.org

Thank you to all of our supporters of Harvesting Success 2020. Please use this [link](#) to watch Harvesting Success: Spread Hope by Anthony Blake.

If you need assistance with food, housing, utilities, or other resources, you will find up-to-date [Emergency Relief Resources here](#) from Congressman Earl Blumenauer's office.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, please call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

24-HOUR CRISIS LINES

Multnomah County Crisis Line: 503-988-4888

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

CRISIS TEXT LINE

TEXT: 'Home' to 741741

OREGON YOUTH LINE

CALL: 1-877-968-8491

TEXT: 'teen2teen' to 839863

CHAT: WWW.OREGONYOUTHLINE.ORG