

Regarding, Speaker Kotek's housing assistance proposal, which aims to extend the eviction moratorium and change several aspects of Oregon Landlord-Tenant law: please listen to us, the housing providers.

Please consider, housing providers are not social services and can't be forced to support longer, more arduous, measures that threaten our ability to pay our bills.

Every measure passed has weakened our ability to survive. Remember the saying, "Weakening the strong does not strengthen the weak." That is what these measures are doing.

You are going at this all wrong. We are private property owners, like you. Once again, our private property rights are being eroded by passing legislation without public input. Remember, we the people have rights, as in REPRESENTATION. Where is our representation in any of these measures you are passing? Imagine someone telling you that you must take a stranger off the street into your family home without any input from you? Put yourself in the housing provider's shoes and walk the walk.

You want solutions? Get business leaders involved. They are creative, innovative, and experienced.

Stop the endless "raise taxes on the rich." This is not the answer. Business leaders have risked everything, worked tirelessly for years to build what they have.

Compromise is the answer. If you want longer moratoriums, then cut taxes on those providing the housing.

If you want residents' past rents forgiven, then offer aid to those providing the housing.

Does that make sense? Rather than take, take, and take some more, come to the table with solutions that can truly help the cause and not beat down the very ones you are relying on the most, the housing providers.

Help, not hinder, this recovery. Refuse to increase taxes anymore or hurt the ones risking everything they have to help others.

Kind regards,

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