

Please vote NO for LC-18 and don't discount our rent assistance by 20%

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My name is Cindy McLeran and my husband and I have 8 rentals in Ontario, Oregon. We have purchased our rentals and have been using these to help fund our retirement. I work on the rentals as needed and homeschool our two children. My husband is a water well driller.

We have sold 4 homes in the last 2 years, partly to pay off debt and also because of the unfair political situation created for us in Oregon. We are having laws and rules pushed upon us when we are following the laws and treating our renters fairly and professionally.

We personally have not had any renters not pay but I have spoken to landlords who are in this situation. We are writing to ask you to help protect our small business owner landlords with 5 units or less. Most of us landlords work a first job and we have to juggle landlord duties in the evenings and on the weekends, and right now our landlords are in a bad situation.

Please don't ask our housing providers to forgive 20% of rent owed by our tenants. As landlords, we are struggling to get by. We have to make repairs to our rentals to keep them in good working condition even when we have renters to who live there and are unable or unwilling to pay their rent. Please don't punish us by making us forgive a 20% portion of our rent is due when we are struggling to pay our bills. We have used up our savings in order to stay current on our bills.

One more point I want to make is my rentals are in Ontario, Oregon and I feel as though our area is being punished for what is going on in Portland. If Portland is having problems unique only to them, then these problems need to be addressed by and for Portland, and the way this is happening our entire state is being controlled by circumstances beyond our control.

Thank you,

Cindy McLeran

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