

Co-Chairs President Courtney & Speaker Tina Kotek, Co-Vice Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Drazen, and members of the committee:

I am one of the tens of thousands of people who have lost a job during COVID whose unemployment insurance has been delayed (due to unprepared UI systems, thru no fault of my own) and I am a skilled worker in my field but, have been unable to find a replacement position.

I am borrowing money and have maxed out my credit cards to keep up. I am going to end this pandemic in a deep hole, as will so many other Oregonians whose only crime was being a worker in 2020.

Please vote yes on LC 18.

I also feel that compensating landlords 80% is more than fair. Property values have continued to rise in Oregon even during the pandemic as has the stock market. People who have property and investments are making money. But regular working people are not.

Oregon needs to come out the other side of this as well as possible and if January were to bring a wave of evictions or 2021 a mountain of new debt, the weight of that will stay with us for years to come. Thank you.

Dacian Garhartt, Portland Oregon renter