

Good evening. I am writing this in hopes it will be read by the representatives of the BEST state in this union, OREGON. My wife and I own and operate two multi family housing units, one in Salem and one in Keizer. Currently 23% of our renters in Keizer have outstanding rental balances as well as 19% of our Salem renters. We currently employ 7 employees between the two properties. We provide health care, worker compensation insurance and paid vacation with 6 paid holidays each year as well as their hourly wages. That is 7 Families we are responsible for as well as our own. We have Tax obligations to each city as well as the state of Oregon, we pay to keep parking lot lights on and laundry rooms open, We pay to provide dumpsters as well as water and sewer services for our renters. I am sure you get that with out renters paying rent we could not provide those essential services or provide 7 jobs to Oregonians.

LC-18 is the wrong response

It is time for a real solution. Responsible tenants have lost their jobs in the Service and hospitality industries because of bad policies. Lets not perpetuate a bad situation with more irresponsible policies. There used to be a time in the country where hard work was looked up to, where you could put time and effort together to carve out a living without the fear of someone coming along and taking that away from you. The rest of the country is watching, lets show them that we can solve this without stepping on the backs of hard working property owners.

Your humble constitutes,

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