

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

For the record, my name is Joanne Di Paola and I live in Eugene, Lane County. I am one of the hundreds of thousands of Oregonians who is a renter and has struggled financially during the COVID pandemic. Thank you for working to extend the eviction moratorium and provide funding for rent assistance so that my family and I do not pay the price of surviving this pandemic for the rest of our lives.

I am incredibly worried and burdened about what could happen if the moratorium isn't extended.

The eviction moratorium has kept my family stable which has been crucial in providing for our children. Our family welcomed a new baby boy 9 weeks ago and we have a 10 year old daughter. In our home we have computers and internet connection so our 5th grader can do remote learning. Without the extension we would be thrown into uncertainty and the most difficult school year of our lifetimes would become even harder. I can't imagine disrupting my daughters education while risking COVID exposure by displacing my family.

The eviction moratorium should be extended through June of 2021 to help families get through the school year and allow time for the creation of a landlord compensation fund that helps smaller landlords with back rent to help stabilize the housing market.

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