

To our elected leaders, who are charged with advocating for human dignity and the common good of all people, not just the rich, not just the employed, not just the homeowners and landlords, but for all people.

Legislators must take real action for renters. While extending the moratorium is the humanitarian and necessary thing to do in a global pandemic, with record unemployment rates we also need financial assistance. Extending deadlines is merely kicking a can down the road. Renters cannot live with the burden of unpaid rent all due one day when they have no money to pay.

Make cash assistance available. Disperse more mortgage and rent relief funds to community action agencies across the state. Become a national example for how to take care of your citizenry.

Housed people are healthier people. Housed people can work and go to school and be productive contributors to our community. Unhoused people must focus on survival. Don't let this pandemic exponentially increase our already significant homeless crisis.

Do the right thing. Protect people. Keep Oregon housed. Make financial assistance widely available.

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