

For the record, my name is __michalla Garcia_____ and I live in ___bend oregon_. 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 son and I do not pay the price of surviving this pandemic for the rest of my life.

I don't know what would have happened to me/my family, without the eviction moratorium.

A few details that illustrate the difficulty – you mentioned being a restaurant worker in a winter town – reduction in income. 24, single mom. No other family support – job only income.

Supporting a child, juggling bills, doing your best to pay rent, making it but sometimes late bc no other choice – caring for your son – every.single.bill. a stressor over the last 6 months. I pray to god that I can make it until the next paycheck comes through.

-there were multiple months that I had been late on my rent due to juggling bills because of either not having a job or reduced hours, my rental agency helped work with me and were very understanding, but during normal times if you're late on rent you get an automatic \$50 fine and it might affect if you want to rent somewhere in the future. If those rules were in place now I wouldn't have a place to live as things are progressively getting worse in the restaurant industry. Ever dollar I get has already a place (bills, food) it has to go and \$50 a day would ruin me and my family.

Thanks for listening.