

Hello Oregon State Legislature,

We are writing to encourage the Oregon State Legislature to consider timeliness and fairness in the implementation of this law, which appears to be headed for hasty enactment.

- Preventing payment of legally obligated rent gives occupants immediate financial relief
- Oregon State funds to those due payment of the rent needs to be just as immediate
- Many people who rent out property have no other substantial means of support

Preventing rents from being collected is clearly a "taking" by the government of Oregon, and is probably illegal under the constitution. Our heavily leftist supreme court will not notice, but the citizens of the state at large will. If this program is not executed with scrupulous, rapid fairness to both sides it will further the cynicism the majority of Oregonians, left and right, have about the integrity of our government.

As an alternative to this bill, we think it would be easier to deliver relief from rent payments by occupants if the state simply paid the rents for them rather than prevent the rents from being collected and then reimburse the land owners.

Regards,

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