

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

For the record, my name is Sophia Diaz and I live in Northeast Portland. I am one of the hundreds of thousands of Oregonians who is renting here in the city. Before the pandemic, I worked two jobs in order to make ends meet. Now, I have lost one of my jobs and my hours have been significantly cut in the other; my financial stability has been gone for months now. Thank you so much for working to extend the eviction moratorium and provide funding for rent assistance. This is such a critical resource for folks who rent in our community, which is most everyone I know.

I do not know what I would do if these resources were to be halted or discontinued. I know that this kind of support for renters has been a lifeline for so many of us just trying to survive these terrifying times. I am immunocompromised and, the thought of losing my home on top of already having lost one of my jobs and my financial stability, is a horrifying reality if the eviction moratorium does not continue.

I am doing all that I can to stay home and keep myself and others in the community safe; please help me be sure that I have a home to stay within.

Thank you for your continued work on this,
Sophia Diaz