

To co chairs Pres. Courtney, speaker Kotex, co-chairs sen. Giroud and rep. Drazen, and members of the committee:

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Thank you for holding this session. I am writing to urge you to do everything possible to avoid the evictions from their homes of masses of families and individuals in our city.

Please extend the eviction moratorium through June, 2021. Not only will this keep families safe from COVID; it will give families more time to become financially and emotionally stable.

I have a neighbor who works to the best of her ability in- between surgeries ( so far 2 out of 3 that she needs). The emotional drain on her is huge as she worries when she is late on the rent. The moratorium extension would lessen this stress. She is a person with a strong work ethic. Everything that she has done thus far to insure her independence and hopes for returning to school would be destroyed and set her back if she were evicted.

Please continue working on behalf of Oregonians who will need help with the rent payments; help in paying back rent; help with moving costs to find work or to relocate for other related to COVID-19 reasons.

I thank you for taking measures to insure that landlords receive their rent, especially land lords who do not own multiple units.

May you all be well and safe. Thank you for accepting my testimony.

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