

Hello,

As a housing provider in Cave Junction, I oppose LC-18. The pandemic has not only impacted tenants but also housing providers. When you halted evictions, you prevented me from evicting a tenant who decided not to pay rent prior to Covid. He was working but just decided not to pay because the Oregon Legislature allowed him not to pay rent and not be evicted. After 8 months, he ended up moving to another property next door and left my unit with unpaid rent and damages...and he will never pay the money he owes because the courts are not open and refuse any filings from landlords. You are asking housing providers to forgive 20% of the rent. Will you also cut your state spending budget by 20% and offer housing providers a 20% discount on property taxes, property insurance, all utilities (since I include electricity, water/sewer/septic, and garbage), and maintenance fees? The pandemic has affected everyone. You forget that there are bills that I still need to pay and services I still need to provide as a housing provider.

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