

Dear Law makers.

I am writing to urge you NOT TO EXTEND THE EVICTION MORATORIUM.

The issue is with the roll out of the funds. Focus on getting the funds distributed NOT on delaying evictions.

Honestly, I can't take it anymore. I don't have money to pay the vendors who provide services to the properties I manage.

I have been managing properties for free for 18 months. I have expenses too!

Unspeakable pressure has been put on housing providers to cover expenses with no rent coming in. Housing providers face draconian punishment if they request even a partial payment from tenants.

HOUSING PROVIDERS ARE NOT THE ENEMY! We have bills to pay and families to support.

The state's position is so deeply flawed.

- The problems are within the agency, and only administrative changes at Oregon Housing and Community Services will get the rental assistance delivered to those who need it.
- If we don't hold our state accountable now, we will be having this exact same conversation in February. It's time for the state to stop playing politics and keep their promise to struggling Oregonians.
- Housing providers have gone 18+ months without payment and are already selling their properties just to stay afloat. If we don't act now, the housing crisis in Oregon is going to get much worse.
- Judges are not processing evictions for anyone who qualifies for rent assistance. The eviction wave is just not happening.
- OHCS has enough rental assistance funds RIGHT NOW to cover the 12,000 applications outside of the safe harbor TODAY.
- OHCS and the Governor are kicking the can down the road to cover up their mismanagement of the program and protect their own reputations.
- Renters and housing providers have done their part, now it's time for the state keep their promise and pay out the rental assistance.

Our government needs real solutions:

- Convene the Emergency board as soon as possible to provide additional stop gap funding for emergency rental assistance program.
- Call on the Governor to have Oregon Housing and Community Services fix the Allita software program now and cut the checks to struggling Oregonians.
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Sincerely,

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