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Dear Committee:

I am writing to ask that you please do NOT extend the emergency period.

I am part of Oregon that provides housing and service to renters and residents, NOT tenants. The real crisis we are facing is at our state housing agency. This is about basic good governance. We need legislators to call for accountability to get emergency rental assistance out the door. Our legislature has intervened three times and each time they have made the situation more complicated and more uncertain for renters and housing providers. We need the assistance funds to be received.

Housing providers have been asked to provide the critical service of housing without compensation for more than 18 months, and to this day there is no guarantee of compensation for missed income because of the problems at our state agency.

Renters and housing providers have done their part, now it is time for the state to do its part: please get the checks cut and delivered.

Oregon is back to work, so there is no reason for ongoing assistance, we just need to clear the prior balances with assistance already requested by many, this can happen by 1/31/22! Oregon can do this!

Thank you for our time and consideration.

Thank you,

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