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To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

I appreciate the effort that the State is making in reimbursing landlords for their loss rents. I do not agree that this should be available to any renter who cannot prove they cannot pay due to job loss due to COVID.

The general framework is good but you continue to overreach in creating unnecessary protections for tenants. You need to understand that in order to have rentals available you need to have the landlords that invest in them. If all the rights are only on the tenants side we will find somewhere else to invest our money. In short.... Stop running our business and sending us the bill for it. I have already witnessed many landlords running for cover and selling their investments.

In summary:

- SB 282-1 does not address the root cause of the COVID-19 housing crisis: the inability to pay rent.
- This catastrophic emergency is being used to change laws unrelated to keeping people housed during this crisis.
- I ask you to oppose SB 282 and instead focus on the #1 issue driving housing instability right now: helping those struggling to pay past due rent.
- I support SB 330, a real solution for struggling renters who need help.

Keep in mind... Landlords are Oregonians too!

Sincerely

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