The time is now for legislators to act for Oregonians who are struggling during the Pandemic and provide relief by giving Rescue Plan funds to agencies and direct services to keep people housed and help fix our housing crisis.

My name is TracyEllen Carson Webb and I am passionate about housing issues because I have been homeless and I would be homeless again if it wasn't for affordable housing. But there isn't enough affordable housing. In every county in Oregon, too many of our neighbors struggle every day to keep a safe, stable, roof over their heads. I feel this is what legislators should be doing with Rescue Plan funds.

They should provide assistance to renters struggling to pay rent. And also help small landlords who subsequently can't pay their mortgages.

We need more market rate quality housing at affordable housing prices.

We need to preserve the affordable housing we do have.

There is so much to do but I feel this would be a good start to help keep people housed and to help more houseless Oregonians to find a place to call home.

Use part of the 2.6 billion dollars Rescue Plan funds to make a difference while so many of our neighbors are struggling during this Pandemic, this housing crisis, and Oregon's continued lack of affordable housing.