

I am a small business owner downtown Portland. I had a rough 2020, but borrowed substantially to stay afloat, including to pay rent--such that I was actually current on my commercial rent when the commercial rent relief fund was activated, and am therefore not eligible for that relief---despite having taken on substantial debt to pay rent. I stopped paying rent in February 2021, and my landlord is actively starting to make noise in anticipation of being able to start charging me late fees and such on my unpaid balance. For *Actual* small business owners like me who have slipped through the cracks of other relief, extending the moratorium is the only way to give us much-needed leverage in good-faith negotiations with our much more powerful commercial landlords (many of whom are being made whole through the recent \$100m fund that doesn't help me at all). Please help. Thank you,

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