

Honorable Senators;

I am writing today to ask that you do not extend the Eviction Moratorium.

It is absolutely time to remove the burden placed on landlords and management companies to pay the bill for Oregon's COVID housing concerns. Residents were relieved of their contractual responsibility to pay rent, while owners and management companies, facing the same global pandemic, were expected to continue to pay all operating expenses. Simply put, full operating expenses with zero income creates a financial deficit that is impossible to sustain.

Social service agencies have received funding and have had time to establish service protocols to meet the needs of residents seeking assistance. Residents have resources available and have until February 2022 to repay past dues charges.

If the legislature continues to extend the eviction moratorium, Downtown Portland won't be the State's only loss; the rental housing industry may be next. Therefore, I implore you to honor the expiration of the current eviction moratorium. No more broken promises.

Respectfully,

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