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I'm a widow who is dependent on rental income. My husband was killed in an auto accident at 13th & Ivy in Canby by an illegal alien traveling 58 mph, broadsiding the car he was driving. He was 56 yrs old and still working. Suddenly, I was without his income.

I invested my money in real estate; it's always been a good place to invest my money until now. The last time the legislature messed with landlords, I had a tenant not pay for 5 months; it took one year to receive my money. They received money from the Federal government, and did not bother to pay me. No, instead they bought new saddles, went to horse races/shows and spent the money that was supposed to help them.

I want to know.....you work, you get paid. What if your employer said "I'm sorry, we're on hard times. We'll have money in 60 days; we'll pay you then. We expect to get some financial help, but we need you to wait 60 days for your money"? I can say you would be livid. You wouldn't be able to pay your house payment, buy groceries, pay your electric bill, buy fuel, etc.

Rental income IS my paycheck.