

Greetings Legislators,

I am writing today to express my complete disbelief that after 15 months of rent forbearance, you're thinking of extending it further. Rent assistance is out there and has been there the entire time. One of my renters has received 13 months of full assistance and may get more. I'm telling you this to make the point that there is and has been substantial assistance available. Any renters who haven't gotten it by now, either don't qualify (because they make plenty), or are too indifferent to take action. And now you're wanting to give them more???

How can you treat your property owners this way? I staff five landlord helplines around the state and I can tell you that every day I talk to housing providers who are selling (and not just because housing prices are high) and taking their money out of Oregon to buy rental properties in other states because of the increasing restrictions. If your goal is to reduce the number of rental units in the state and send investment dollars elsewhere, congratulations, you're succeeding.

Sorry for the high emotion, but we've had it out here. We've been asked to bear a disproportionate burden for more than a year. I have private landlord members who are suffering and they obviously don't matter to you, the Oregon supermajority, AT ALL. I thought you were supposed to represent all of us...

Regards,

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