

To whom it may concern:

Hello, my name is Cristina Palacios, I am a community organizer in the State of Oregon. For twelve plus years I been organizing the community to speak up about their housing issues. The housing heartbreaking stories that I been hearing all those years from marginalized communities only ensures one thing, we must work together to help community members to keep a roof over their head.

Not having a roof over your head is not only more expensive, but you are also more likely to get sick, it also makes every other aspect of your life be more difficult. Can you imagine getting up one morning and not knowing if you can shower or not? Not sure if your kids/pets can wake up in a warm home where they can get their meals to be ready for their day? Can you imagine your elder parents living on the streets or couch surfing? Well, those are the questions that millions of Oregonians are asking themselves every day since the covid-19 started.

As you are aware many BIPOC community members lost their jobs or their work hours got significantly reduced, some are working two-three days a week and a lot of the moms had to quick their jobs because with school being close and not having family support them to take care of their children they had no option but to quick their jobs to feed, babysit and support their kids to be online school. It has been very hard and they are very scared about what is going to happen if they don't pay rent. Many of them said it will take them several months after they got back to their full-time jobs to catch up with rent and all the other bills they accrued during this pandemic.

We need you to protect those families. Please vote Yes on SB 282-1

Extension of the moratorium can't wait - passing SB 282-1 is key in ensuring that we are able to disperse the \$400 million in rent relief to our most-impacted Oregonians,

Penalizing the low-income Oregonians is wrong - despite the state opening up more, we know we are not going back to the normal of before, the one that had us in a housing state of emergency for more than a half-decade and had thousands of Oregonians on the brink of homelessness.

Working Oregonians now more than ever cannot afford evictions. Evictions at this time are unfathomable and costly.

Passing this bill is part of ensuring low-income Oregonians aren't penalized for trying to survive during this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Cristina Palacios.

Thank you.