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We run a small family business and also lease a Commercial property at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

In 2020 during Covid the tenet stopped paying rent without any indication to us and then refused to pay rent for the next four months. We consulted with [REDACTED] govt agency and was referred for mediation, which was a total waste of time as the tenet refused to provide any financials or why he had an inability to pay rent. He was never questioned on this by the mediator [REDACTED]. We have requested a copy of the file notes and the outcome of this mediation from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] referred us to [REDACTED] and he said it was confidential. To date the tenet still owes approximately [REDACTED] which is something that we can't and shouldn't have to carry.

We believe he received Government assistance during Covid and probably more than a normal business as his business appears to be registered under multiple names.

We wrote to [REDACTED] then Attorney General who was very dismissive of our situation. She stated to take legal action which is all very well if you have the finances to do so.

He failed to pay March, April, May and June and during this time I believe he only closed business at the end of March and was open again early May, less than approximately 10 weeks.

Section 12(2)a of the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Commercial Leases) Act 2020 imports the need to establish your inability to pay rent to which he did not. If Govt have legislation they need to adhere to it and not expect you to use the legal system which is very expensive.

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