

to whom it may concern:

Extending the current moratorium to Feb 2022 would be a mistake. It only places a band-aid on the real problem. Please consider direct aid to those who are behind on their rent. Without addressing this I feel many will simply walk away and leave large amounts of outstanding rents owing when the current moratorium ends. A better and more direct way to approach this would be grant monies directly to landlords on behalf of tenants. These could be applied for, with reasons stated on an application. Government officials could then verify the reasons rents cannot be paid and can put in place payments to landlords directly. Many landlords do not have underlying mortgages on their rentals, but instead have invested in them with cash. These landlords depend on this rent money for their own financial stability. Many of these are small time investors, not just large corporations who own rentals.

Please do not extend the eviction moratorium longer, rather, pay landlords the back rent so that the current occupant does not become homeless at the end of the moratorium.

Sincerely, anne fahy, Realtor, HomeSmart Realty Group, Corvallis, OR