

Commercial tenants who have not been successful negotiating rent decreases with their landlords should not be penalized for their inability to pay rent during this pandemic. Our cities are not "open" for business at the level we were pre-pandemic. It's just not happening yet. Folks are compliant and caring about staying home to save lives for the most part, and small businesses, in particular micro-businesses, like retail shops and restaurants, are still suffering. My store has seen a huge decrease in customers. People are just not out. Tourism is not happening. There is still a pandemic! Small businesses are the fabric of Portland and Oregon, we employ most Oregonians! Forcing us to pay landlords with the miniscule amount of dollars we are making will only shut us down. Give us time! Thank you.