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To members of the Oregon Legislature, and all elected leaders across the state,

On July 1st, 90,000 Oregonians will be at risk of eviction.

The housing crisis Oregon faces is unprecedented and has only been made worse as the state has attempted to respond to a global pandemic, a racial justice uprising, and statewide wildfires. Without bold action, many will not recover.

We demand that our elected officials in Salem act immediately and extend the eviction moratorium and stop all evictions across the state through Oregon.

Oregon has been promised federal rent relief money. Now it's time for the state to fulfill its promise and get this rent assistance to those most in need. We must use this to cancel the \$800 million in rent debt and continue to offer rental assistance to stabilize our vulnerable neighbors impacted over the last year.

Secondly, we demand that officials Cancel the Rent now by addressing the COVID emergency and the mounting rent debt that could cost up to \$800 million, and also paying it forward to stabilize our vulnerable neighbors.

Our tenants are trying to pay their rent — sacrificing their very last trying to stay afloat. Many have cut back on food, forgone medicine, drained their life savings, borrowed from friends and family, taken out loans they cannot afford which will push them even further behind.

A number of predatory landlords have been evicting families and individuals behind on rent using technicalities, despite the eviction moratorium. Others have continued to pressure, harass, and threaten tenants behind on rent until they are forced to leave their homes, an especially troubling trend among Black, Indigenous, Latinx and other People of Color renters.

Oregon is NOT doing enough and time is running out.

There are two waves ahead — either of evictions, or relief.



The choice is ours. Act now. Act bold. Extend the moratorium and Cancel the Rent!

Signed,

**Community Alliance of Tenants & the below**

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