Form letter

To: STATE REPRESENTATIVE, STATE SENATOR, [Senator Rob Portman](https://www.portman.senate.gov/meet/contact), [Senator Sherrod Brown](https://www.brown.senate.gov/contact/assistance)

From: your NAME, ADDRESS

I am one of the Ohio tenants who is unable to pay my full rent this month because of LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT, ILLNESS, OTHER (explain) related to the Corona Crisis. I have not yet received any financial assistance from state or local government. Soon I could be facing eviction from my home.

I urge you to ask Governor DeWine to enact a statewide 90 day moratorium on residential evictions with tenant supports to assure that once I get back on my feet, I'll still have a right to the peaceful enjoyment of my rental home. Protections should include:

● Require residential landlords to accept late and partial payments during the moratorium period.

● Prohibit landlords from charging late fees during the moratorium period.

● Encourage courts to hold informal meetings with tenants and landlords to seek mediated agreements before permitting landlords to file evictions after the moratorium is over.

● Direct local law enforcement to prevent landlords from taking the law into their own hands with [“self-help evictions”](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5321.15) such as turning off utilities, padlocking the premises, or seizing a tenant’s belongings.

Residential tenants like me deserve to be treated with the same consideration that the Governor has already provided to commercial (business) tenants in his Executive Order 2020-08D.

If you have any other questions about my situation, please feel free to contact me at PHONE or EMAIL.

Thanks for your timely intervention. The need is urgent.

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