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Comment:

Administrative Order No. 2020-17 and MCR 4.201 - as a prior renter and current landlord I am opposed to permanently incorporating the COVID aspects into law. There is ample opportunity for everyone to be gainfully employed. Employers cannot fill their needs and this will continue. Landlords are experiencing increasing costs in every area just like everyone. Implementing the "one-sided" COVID barriers to evicting non-paying tenants is like telling employers they do not have to pay their employees if the company is struggling, or telling customers of independent contractors they do not have to pay for services after they have been performed. Rental properties are "my income". I have to pay taxes, insurances and lenders whether I want to or not. I have to comply with local municipality housing codes. If you push landlords into a corner financially, then the same response will happen as it did 2008-2011. Landlords will not maintain properties, will NOT accept section 8 and will suck all the cash out of the properties and then let them foreclose. Ultimately this will have a larger adverse effect on tenants than if you allow landlords to make a reasonable income.