

There is a longer version to send to Governor Jay Inslee and Representative Derek Kilmer as they do not have character limits on their letter submissions. Below it will be a condensed version to send to the 24th district representatives as there is a character limit in place on their websites. If you feel like adding to the letters for Governor Inslee and Representative Kilmer, feel free to do so. **Make sure to edit the name for each letter as well as adding your own.**

Long Form – for Governor Inslee and Representative Kilmer

Dear *REP NAME HERE*,

At Bayside Housing & Services, we offer transitional, short term housing to people in Jefferson County who are unhoused or in unsafe living situations. Since the pandemic, the Bayside wait list for rooms has more than doubled and is still increasing. In addition, we are receiving dozens of calls from frightened renters & lessees who expect to be evicted once the current moratorium is concluded.

Once these people are evicted, they will still owe the back rent and most likely will be turned over to collection. This is where the issue becomes critical. Once they are in the credit bureau system, as being delinquent or not paying their rent, they will for years not be able to qualify for housing, as all apartment owners and managers check the applicants credit report. This credit issue will only exacerbate the current housing and homelessness crisis we are facing.

We urge legislation or a governor's mandate prohibiting creditors and landlords from reporting to the credit bureaus any non-payment information due to the pandemic. Collectively we have an epidemic in housing, not only in Jefferson County but throughout our state and country. This issue is imperative for the wellbeing not only of Jefferson county residents, but Washingtonians. We ask that you give this concern your utmost attention.

Respectfully,

YOUR NAME

Short Form – For 24th district legislators

REPS NAME,

With the eviction moratorium ending on October 15th, there has been an increase in concern for what will come next. Emergency and transitional housing locations are receiving frightened calls from renters who expect to be evicted once the moratorium is concluded. Once people are evicted, they will still owe the back rent and most likely will be turned over to collection. After they are in the credit bureau system as delinquent, they will not be able to qualify for housing for years, as all landlords check applicants credit reports. This credit issue will only worsen the current housing and homelessness crisis we are facing. We urge legislation to prohibit creditors and landlords from reporting to the credit bureaus any

non-payment information due to the pandemic. There is an epidemic in housing throughout our state and country and this issue is imperative for the wellbeing of Washingtonians. I ask that you give this concern your utmost attention.

Thank you,

YOUR NAME