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To: Omaha Landlords,

As a result of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the subsequent directed health measures from the State of Nebraska and the Douglas County Health Department, many workers have been laid off and thus have no source of income. The unfortunate result is that many of these workers will be evicted from their homes in the next few weeks. With an average of 4,823 evictions filed annually in Douglas County or approximately 92 per week, many of these tenants may end up homeless further creating a public health disaster. Accordingly, the Mayor of the City of Omaha and the Chair of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners strongly urge landlords to waive or suspend all evictions due to the inability to pay rent until the pandemic subsides and emergency health measures have been lifted.

The safety and wellbeing of our community will be greatly appreciated by your actions.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas County Commissioners:

Mayor Jean Stothert City of Omaha

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Clare Duda, Chairman

Date