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In the face of the mounting COVID-19 crisis, nearly 40,000 Wisconsinites have signed onto a [petition](#) demanding that Governor Tony Evers suspend all rent, mortgage, and utilities payments, with no back pay, for a minimum of two months. The petition will be delivered to Governor Evers on Wednesday, March 25.

Many Wisconsin workers are currently facing lay-offs, reduced hours and suspended employment. With restricted income, many will have to prioritize paying rent, mortgage, or utilities over food or medicine. The massive response to the petition is evidence of the growing need and demand for relief in the face of a worsening economy.

We applaud Governor Evers' declaration of a public health emergency, but that declaration has to be followed through with real solutions for the problems that this crisis is causing. By creating a shelter-in-place order without a relief package to counteract their lost income, the state of Wisconsin places "nonessential" Wisconsin workers in a dangerous position.

In solidarity with 40,000 people across the state of Wisconsin, #CancelRentWisconsin demands that Governor Evers take real leadership during this crisis by ordering the suspension of all rent, mortgage, and utility payments for a minimum of two full months, with no back pay. By doing so, the state will help keep Wisconsinites in their homes and out of crippling debt. Declining to take these steps will cause catastrophic damage to our communities.

Cancel Rent Wisconsin will continue to push for these necessary changes, and remain in solidarity with affected individuals, through an online campaign. Those interested can find out more on our [Facebook](#).