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I have tenants that had a hard time at the beginning of the pandemic and I worked with them on a payment schedule. they have become current or close to current at this time. others didnt pay before the pandemic until i took them to court and then paid but once the pandemic hit they stopped paying all together (not one penny for over a year) because they know the system doesnt give the landlord any rights to get rid of them. others are on social security (which was not affected at all by the pandemic) and have not paid. in addition these tenants got 3 stimulus checks which they did not use to pay the rent.

something needs to be done to differentiate between the tenants who are not affected by the pandemic and just choose not pay (the tenant on social security and the tenant not even trying to find a job) and the ones truly affected by the pandemic by having lost their job or having underemployment. NJ and other states have just grouped all of them together and given a blanket moratorium on evictions. the landlords are not independently wealthy and look to their rents to pay their bills.

i dont have much confidence that this will be rectified anytime soon since NJ cant even follow CDC rules on masking. maybe it is time to go red in this state.