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To [Landlord's name],

As I'm sure you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing unprecedented financial hardship. [WE/I], like many others in this city, have been deeply impacted by this crisis and have been put in a position of financial uncertainty. We/I ordinarily live paycheque to paycheque. This disruption in my regular pay has resulted in significant difficulty.

As such, [we/I] have come to the realization that with such a major disruption to our normal lives, we cannot make a rent payment on April 1st. We will pay for maintenance and your tax bill for the coming year, this will protect your property. Beyond that your business is not our responsibility. As you may know, Minister of Housing Selina Robinson is encouraging landlords and tenants to work together during this difficult time. I hope we can follow government recommendations to come to an agreement.

[We/I] appreciate the difficulties that may come from this, and [we/I] would be able to pay a small portion of the rent, for as long as [our/my] savings last. If you are open to an option to negotiate a lower payment during this crisis, let me know.

Such an arrangement would save you the trouble of finding new tenants at this time and would allow [me/us] to not worry about living on the street during a pandemic.

If my financial situation changes [we/I] will notify you immediately.

[We/I] greatly appreciate your consideration in this very dark time.

Sincerely,
[Tenant's name]

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