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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter because I believe there are people in government who do not want to allow me to run my business according to the laws in the State of Oregon because I am a Landlord. My Wife is Asian from the Philippines which makes our small business having minority ownership.

I have been a Landlord for 45 years and run a very good business. We have good people that rent our 219 apartments and 20 houses. If you talk to a lot of the people who rent from us, they will give my Wife and I a good reference. My reputation is very important in the Medford community .

I have heard rumors that there will be a stay at home order in our State. If that happens, I will take two courses of action. First, I will hire an attorney to declare myself, my employees, and my business as essential to the state economy. I will try to run the business as much as I can given the circumstances.

Second, I will sell all our apartments and houses, take the proceeds, and move to any state that does not have a stay at home order in place.

The politicians need to decide if they really want the small business person to be shut down in the state. This is bad policy and very one sided.

My employees and my business mean a lot to me. I will do whatever is reasonable and within the law to do what is right. The stay at home order would be a huge mistake in judgement in my opinion.

Thank you for listening to me.

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