

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of all the beloved restaurants and other commercial businesses here in Portland. Many of these establishments will go under due to financial hardship, as they cannot stay open during the Coronavirus pandemic. A rent freeze for these establishments could throw them the life support they need to stay afloat! One such place is Artichoke Music. a music store and cafe that provides weekly musical events, as well as being a community resource for so many people. And the list of restaurants and other local venues is vast. Our beloved Portland will never be the same, if so many of these mostly small businesses have to close down. They have been built from the ground up with blood, sweat and tears! Please consider a rent freeze, and help keep the beauty of our city alive!

Sincerely,

Helen Friedman