

Dear Co-Chairs Holvey and Roblan,

As a business owner, I am writing today to share the impacts the current COVID-19 health crisis is having on my business, my business partner and my family.

These are hard times for all of us. I encourage you to support our business community as we deal with the astonishing economic disruption that has accompanied this health crisis.

We own and operate a small tap room in the city of West Linn. Our business relies solely on public interaction and socializing. We have enough to cover next months rent and utilities for the bar but that is it. We are not able to bring any money home to our families and have no way to generate additional income with our business. The only bright spot is that my partner and I are the only employees so we haven't had to lay anybody off.

We have no idea what our leasing company is going to do and we don't make enough in profits at the end of the day to make taking out a small business loan make sense. We could probably get the loan but would have no way to generate the additional income to pay it back once business is back up and running. We are a small operation that is essentially run on a month to month basis. We want to keep our families and the community safe during this pandemic so we are not asking for you to allow us to remain open, We are just asking for any kind of information on a plan for businesses like ours. Will there be government funded help in the future? If so, how do we apply for that?

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope we are all able to come out the other side of this healthy and with our businesses still viable.

Sincerely,

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