

Good morning,

Re: the first meeting of the Special Joint Committee on Coronavirus Response, here are my needs/experiences as a citizen of Portland:

I work in the service industry behind a bar. I'm one of tens of thousands that has been laid off, scrambling for unemployment and looking into a very uncertain future. These are the needs I've seen rise in my community and in my industry:

- Protection from housing instability: not only do we need (and appreciate) eviction stays, but we need assistance paying rent debts that we will no doubt incur and be unable to pay after the pandemic is contained.
- Small business and food/beverage/hospitality industry stimulus packages: most of the bars/restaurants in the city of Portland (and many, if not most) restaurants in the state of Oregon will have no choice but to shut their doors for good if financial aid is not received very soon. This will have a devastating affect on our economy, job market (hundreds of thousands of unemployed service/retail/small business employees pumped into the job market simultaneously), and the fabric of our culture.
- Relief for those that do not qualify for state assistance programs: there are many in my community and industry that I know personally that desperately need financial assistance, but do not qualify for state mandated aid as it currently stands. Consider changing state requirements short-term to include this vulnerable population that is bleeding dry as we speak. Or consider a monthly stipend for all households reporting layoffs or severe income loss.
- State mandated self quarantine: At the very least, those in metropolitan areas should be legally required to "shelter in place" as Seattle has already modeled for us. If we do not do everything we possibly can to slow the spread of the virus immediately, the devastation it leaves behind will continue to grow exponentially, and the fallout will last much longer than it needs to.

I am a proud constituent of the state of Oregon. We have led the charge on so many important issues in the past, and have been an example to other state governments. Please, I beg you—we must act swiftly and surely and pressure other states and the federal government to follow suit.

Thank you,

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Sent from my iPhone