

Dear Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony as you meet to discuss the impacts of Covid-19 on the small business community.

We are owner/operators of a small wine business and vineyard management company in Douglas County Oregon. The impacts of isolation measures have sent our business to a grinding halt as restaurant and wine bars close their doors and have to cancel orders. In accordance with public health guidelines all of our spring events are postponed and summer events hang in the balance. The freeze of our cash flow has put our ability to bottle our wine and stay in business in complete jeopardy as April-September are the busiest months of the year in the wine industry. We're looking at thousands of dollars in lost revenue, though our expenses continue to add up including the federal and state taxes that we pay monthly through our payroll system. Currently I am two days late on \$3,674 that we owe to the government in payroll taxes. How we will make that payment, let alone cover our production expenses is completely beyond me. Considering our personal expenses...mortgage, power, water and food is a completely other story but equally as frightening.

I am respectfully requesting a small business stimulus grant in order to help us stay above water and continue employing Oregonians.

Kindly,

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