

Dear Joint Special Committee on Coronavirus Members,

Thank you for your service during this time.

What will Oregon do to help create a safety net for sole proprietors?

I am a sole-proprietor/ self-employed, I own my own cleaning service, primarily I clean private homes. I have no employees, it's just me and I have about 20 clients which currently provide 100% of my income.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak most of my clients and I have decided it is unsafe for ourselves and the community for me to continue services at this time.

Out of the goodness of their hearts, several clients have decided to pay me temporarily even though I am not able to provide services. It is not fair to them to bear the brunt of this as I'm sure they all have financial concerns of their own regarding this crisis. I cannot rely on this income and it is not sustainable in any long-term or likely even near short-term way.

What are the States plans to financially help workers like me who are not able to work from home, have no guaranteed salary or collect unemployment benefits?

I need and will need assistance but I don't know what to do.

I am currently healthy, so I am definitely open to any temporary jobs that may become available in relationship to helping during this crisis.

I have already filed Federal and State taxes for 2019, I have already paid my 2019 Federal taxes, but not yet paid my state taxes so I am hoping that the Federal government postpones the April 15 tax deadline to help create some financial buffer with this crisis.

Are you lobbying the Federal government on behalf of Oregonians to push for extending the deadline?

I currently rent from a friend who has a mortgage to pay every month and relies on my rent money for that mortgage payment.

Are you considering mortgage relief assistance?

I utilize the healthcare marketplace/Obamacare for my health insurance (through Moda), but of course it's a concern about how I will continue to pay them as my income decreases or disappears completely. Are you speaking with the marketplace insurance providers about potentially providing temporary premium relief for their members?

There may be other things that I am not foreseeing but these are my most pressing and immediate concerns and questions.

Thank you for considering workers like me and for all of your hard work around helping Oregonians at this time.

Sincerely,

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