

Hello,

I'm writing to testify about the implications of covid-19 on the working class community in Oregon. I work in the spa and restaurant industries and we are paid a small hourly but survive off of day-to-day tips as income. We lack paid time off, sick days, options to work from home, health insurance and job security. We lost work completely without option to continue working during the forced and encouraged period of self-quarantine. I will struggle to pay my remaining bills and upcoming \$1000 in rent come April, after having a minimum of 2-4 weeks of no work.

I've applied for a bartender's grant which will hopefully award me up to \$2000 but it's not certain and it's not a suitable option.

I and thousands of others will struggle to care for ourselves and our families amidst complete shutdown of employment. We will struggle to care for ourselves and our families with lack of basic health insurance and we will struggle in the coming months more than usual to make up for this complete halt in income.

Thank you for listening and take care,

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