

Members of the Committee,

I write this in a terrifying time for all Oregonians. Terrifying in not only there is a virus who could care a large number of those people that we love, but also in that people are not going to be able to viably pay their bills for next month. To that end the idea that non-essential businesses should be shut down. Currently, employees are being all but held hostage. Caught in a dangerous net. They can take sick time, or could just simply quit, or simply go home. However, those that do will most certainly not have the financial means to make things work.

Employees and their families' health are being held, hostage. They are unable to shelter in place, which is the best course of action because of their employer's inability to either believe the health risks or simple due to their fear of financial ruin.

I respectfully demand that our elected officials take immediate action to bring this under control. Shut down ALL non-essential businesses. Initiate substantial punitive fines for those who refuse to comply. It is your job to ensure that each decision that you make is for the health and safety of your people. The people who elected you, and as it currently stands you are asking for deaths for no reason beyond money.

I come to you, and I say this as a conservative. I come to you and say this as a father, as a husband.

Respectfully, every moment that you wait could be my grandparents, my parents, my friends, and my family members. Take action before the growth explodes to the point that these actions are meaningless.

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