

Dear Joint Special Committee on Coronavirus Response,

I am a Corvallis resident, homeowner and solo parent to three dependents and primary income earner for my household. I also happen to be self-employed. Nearly 100% of my income comes from a public health independent contracting gig I've held for the past 7 years and like many Benton County residents and Americans across the nation, I live PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK. As an independent contractor, I don't have employee sponsored benefits, NONE. With all of the rapid changes due to Coronavirus, having to cancel items that would normally be my billable income hours and having children now home from school for unknown periods of time, I AM VERY CONCERNED about what the future holds. One of my top priorities and concerns moving forward is to NOT LOSE OUR HOME.

I hope that the members of this joint special committee will take the real lived experiences from people like me into consideration when planning for the future of our community.

Best regards.

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In Wellness,

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A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special. - Nelson Mandela