

Dear State Representatives,

I am a small business owner in Bend, Oregon whose massage therapy practice is being severely impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. While there are many ideas floating around for supporting businesses through loans, I would encourage you to make grants a big part of any stimulus or support package you put together.

If things don't turn around in a couple of months, I could lose more than just my business. It's a terrifying thought, as homeowner, to think everything hinges on such an unknown.

So while you are thinking of ways to help small businesses, don't forget those of us who are really small, but serve important functions in our communities. Emergency grants for women, minorities, and other underserved populations could make a big difference in our survival.

Thank you for your consideration.

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