Not understanding how loans will help small businesses at this time. They need grants not loans. Loans are just debt deferred.

I have one friend who opened her own hair salon after years of saving and scrimping and planning. Her business is now threatened from something that is completely beyond her control. A loan is not what she needs.

Another friend works part time for two small businesses. One of the businesses is closed and had to lay off employees. The other is struggling to maintain my friend's hours (through online order / shipping support).

I could give so many more examples.

These businesses don't need to take on more debt. They need grants.

Our community is what it is because of small businesses and the vision, creativity and commitment to the community of owners who have chosen to make a go of it despite the risk. We all benefit. The Amazonification of our lives and neighborhoods is now and even bigger threat than it's ever been. Please offer grants to small businesses who need them.

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