

To Whom It May Concern on the Joint Special Committee On Coronavirus Response:

My name is Samantha Barsky, and I own and operate multiple businesses in the state of Oregon as a sole proprietor. I also run a non-profit Business League called, the Bend Boss Babes, which consists of approximately 130 women-owned individual companies. Most all of us have had revenue come to a complete standstill due to the virus. I am writing to you to please consider the following for small business owners:

- We need grants, not loans
  - So many of us already have loans, and the thought of adding another with our already tight margins is unbearable
- 7 years of free payroll taxes for all businesses making less than 2 million annually
- A real health care system that small business owners can join as a group to bring down premiums and co-pays
  - Many of us started our businesses because of health issues, autoimmune diseases, etc., and we need to know that affordable healthcare will be available
- Please talk to banks to get our current loans forgiven or reduced
- Please tax big corporations that are currently not paying taxes
- We need subsidies today that will guarantee we can feed our families tomorrow, not to mention our rent/mortgages
- We need a moratorium on all utilities, rent/leases, evictions, foreclosures
- We need forgiveness on credit card interest and payments

Please consider these as a start, but know that we are going to need long-term help in order to keep Main Street America operating. I am happy to help, discuss, brainstorm at any point, feel free to contact me.

Thank you and be well!

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