

Dear Special Joint Committee,

First of all, thank you for everything being done to help the people of Oregon during this challenge. As for the issue I want to bring up I'm not sure what can be done, but I am noticing a recurring theme among clients, family and neighbors is that of scarcity of needed supplies due to unnecessary stockpiling/hoarding.

Most people I talk to are not preparing for the end of the world, but just want to maintain some normalcy and regular availability of household items and food- yet they cannot get many items because they are nowhere to be found. I hear again and again, and have now experienced bare shelves at every store I've been to, especially paper goods, water, dry and canned goods and frozen goods. Also medical and first aid supplies are clearly in short supply. Can the state do more in the way of PSAs or other broadcast announcements to encourage people to be moderate in their shopping and only buy what they need as part of the effort to weather this time of crisis. The shortages I see and hear about seem to be created solely by peoples lack of consideration of others, or in worse cases due to opportunists who have tried to capitalize on the fears of others by hoarding and selling scarce items. I believe we can get through this well if people work together instead of every man for himself.

Thank you kindly for the opportunity to give input.

Very Respectfully,

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