Hi, I'm writing my testimony as a contractor who works in the video/photography industry in Portland OR. Winter is usually a slow time and spring time is when work (campaigns) is usually ramping up during this time. Currently everything is on hold or potentially cut depending if budgets are still there. This is a very difficult time, as contractors are not eligible for unemployment or any government resources. This is a really tough time for our industry.

Also, on top of this, I have several friends..including my roommate that works in the food and service industry and she was laid off as the restaurant is no longer serving guests and told that she is not guaranteed her job back if the restaurant opens again (for a well know local restaurant Pok Pok).

People in my neighborhood are trying to find ways to help but it's all in individual ways...it would be more effective if we all came together in a big way.

Here is a website a neighbor made to get the word out for help: COVID Resources website: https://www.covid-resources.com/

Thank you for listening. Let me know how I can help my community become better. Best, Danielle Lee