

Good afternoon,

I work in the service industry at a small restaurant. We have experienced a huge drop in sales and therefore tips for workers since the coronavirus outbreak. We appreciate that the Governor allowed restaurants to stay open for takeout orders, however we are very unsure how the next few weeks will go. Several employees opted to stay home to self isolate while others who are dependent on their next paycheck decided to stay working for as long as possible. I think the city needs a moratorium on rent and mortgages until businesses can go back to normal. So many people will not be able to afford rent April 1st. Service worker employees including retail employees at grocery stores and other essential services require paid sick leave and job security. Some restaurants have just fired their employees for no reason except to close their business.

I do not have a healthcare plan (too expensive) and I am wondering whether there will be free testing for coronavirus?

Will there be any homes created for homeless people who have no place to self isolate? They also deserve sanitation services to wash their hands and shower and wash their clothes.

I hope we can find solutions that will benefit the people who are affected the most by this virus ie Low income, POC, homeless, service workers, immunocomprised, elderly, single parents, undocumented, imprisoned.

Thank you for listening.

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