

Dear Oregon Legislature:

I urge you to swiftly draft and pass legislation that helps individuals and small businesses impacted right now, perhaps devastatingly, by the necessary moves aimed at corralling the COVID19 pandemic.

We have untold numbers of individuals working in areas such as the service industry, who were already income/housing/medicine insecure. Losing their employment suddenly, for an unpredictable amount of time, will result in an increased level of suffering and anxiety that I believe we can eliminate.

The best response is income replacement and health insurance NOW.

Perhaps the high levels of excess revenue in recent years could be directed towards these individuals: our neighbors, our colleagues, our communities...

Now is the time for us to be caring to each other.

Thank you,

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