

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a bartender working for a small local craft cocktail bar that is loved by our community of downtown Bend, Oregon and just this week were forced to close for the next 4 weeks. This is my entire income as well as a professional that predominantly survives of tips from our customers who appreciate our attention to detail and friendly, quality service! We help connect the community and they continue to support us by their business. This impact of closing not only makes a huge hit to our local economy but leaves our business owner in such a financial crunch that the future of our employment stands in question until this is resolved. On paper we only make so much and our work history has been years building this service industry. So, as we look for new jobs to be able to keep a roof over our heads and food on the table, we are forced to go outside our expertise and backgrounds to hope for new employers to take that chance on us as well. I live with my girlfriend, who also works in the service industry and now our household is without any income and a panic to find employment that doesn't risk our health or livelihood either. PLEASE take into consideration our need which is just one of thousands of others in Oregon needing this assistance at this time.

Thank you for your time,

Vaughn Thorsell