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Hi,

I've been working full time as a hairstylist for the past 8 years. For the past 3, I've been doing hair at Bishops (a small business that originally started in the Pacific northwest) in Portland. When this all first started, we were trying to balance "social distancing" (impossible when doing hair) and having an income to live off of. Business started slowing down dramatically and the owners decided to close all of their locations until we're able to safely open again. I'm honestly not sure if there will be a job to come back to when this is over, as this was a small business that may not be able to survive this economic impact. As for me, I've filed for unemployment, but the system is very backed up and I'm not sure when I'll receive a check. I will also have no health insurance by the end of this month, in the middle of a pandemic. I was covered through my employers plan, and with their doors closed, that coverage is gone. Everyone I know is struggling through all of this, yet we're still expected to pay rent, utilities, etc, with no income. Assistance needs to be given to the working class. We need guaranteed healthcare and treatment for all to get us through this. There needs to be a freeze on rent, mortgage payments, and utility bills if we're going to survive this without people ending up on the streets. We also need emergency shelter for the current houseless population to slow down the spread of this virus.

Thank you for listening,  
Ashley