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SMALL BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EMPLOYEE LEAVE, AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	
Immediate \$40,000,000 to Business Oregon for "situation specific" 0% Interest loans for all tourism/recreation/retail businesses	Rep. Evans
Immediate two-year no penalty "bridge" for quarterly/state taxes	Rep. Evans
\$10,000,000 set-aside for State of Oregon absorbs Worker's Compensation payments for a three (3) months period for those businesses that can demonstrate actual/likely slowed production rates resulting from COVID-19.	Rep. Evans
\$10,000,000 set-aside for "Facilities" Grants associated with the costs of keeping the doors open - so available revenues can be used to keep workers from being laid off; (one-time, three-month scale) grants for use in paying electricity costs, fuel costs, materials costs, rent/lease/mortgage.	Rep. Evans
\$10,000,000 set-aside for three (3) month waiver of state fuel taxes for businesses (guaranteed rebates paid on monthly basis from DOR) with demonstrated links to production/manufacturing sector.	Rep. Evans
\$20,000,000 set-aside for "Depot-level maintenance" of necessary equipment and facilities; payments associated with turning workers from production to internal structures/systems enhancements to do the work that natural resources dependent industries always fail to make time or money available to do. Fund links to mitigating layoffs; finding work for the workers to do - even at distance - while the rest of the economy recovers (and coming out the other side more efficient because of the maintenance work done during the "economic coma.")	Rep. Evans
\$10,000,000 for 75% of demonstrated income for three (3) month "Smart Health Investment" grants for self-employed folks to remain as isolated as possible without losing client-base.	Rep. Evans

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\$20,000,000 for 75% of learning/living costs for three (3) months associated with all apprenticeships, post-secondary students, career training students: think GI Bill for a "3-month gap" to keep folks from losing their homes or ability to pay basic bills including food/fuel.	Rep. Evans
Relax predictive scheduling requirements	Reps. Helt and Bynum
Gap loan programs for payroll	Reps. Helt and Bynum
Front loading of the Paid Family and Medical Leave act, if possible, to keep staff employed through decline in sales	Reps. Helt and Bynum
Allowing the Work Share Oregon program to be used immediately for the remainder of the COVID-19 pandemic for employees regardless of their tenure with a hospitality company	Reps. Helt and Bynum
Suspend required payments to retirement accounts	Reps. Helt and Bynum
Mandate that banks allow interest-only payments on loans	Reps. Helt and Bynum
Possible suspension of payroll tax to be diverted to wages for employees	Reps. Helt and Bynum
Immediately disburse personal kicker tax refunds to Oregon families in the form of checks as soon as possible but no later than Memorial Day	Sen. Thomsen
Temporarily suspend payroll taxes for our small business owners and reevaluate this suspension on June 30, 2020	Sen. Thomsen
Work with Oregon Brewers Guild on a solution to allow brewers to survive shutdown	Sen. Thomsen
Postpone anything that takes cash away from businesses like implementation of the gross receipts tax	Rep. Gorsek
State and federal support for these businesses immediately	Rep. Gorsek
rent and mortgage payment freeze (form letter)	Adolfo Garza-Cano, affiliation unknown; Serin Bussell, resident, Senate District 17 and House District 33; Judith Lienhard, retired registered nurse and military

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	veteran, Portland; Yomari Cruz DeWeese, affiliation unknown
small business assistance	Edward Schiessl, co-owner and managing director, Broadway Metro Cinema, Eugene
economic aid package	Hazel Gross, affiliation unknown
help for small business	Larry Brennan, owner, Arch Rock Brewing Company
small business assistance	Maria Sarahi Ortiz, affiliation unknown
financial assistance	Robin Vada, small business owner/freelancer, Portland
short-term business assistance	Maureen MacNabb, President, Capital Property Management Services, Inc.
financial assistance	Kelly McCrillis, small business owner/freelancer, Portland
bailout and stimulus to individuals and small businesses, co-benefits for investments	Megan Horst, resident, Portland
changes to unemployment insurance	Janet Bauer, Oregon Center for Public Policy
unlimited paid leave and job protection	Ana del Rocio, Oregon Childcare Project
small business assistance	Andrew Fortgang, co-owner, Le Pigeon and Canard
make small businesses a priority	Dan Schacher and Annie Schacher, small business owners, Gear-Up, Silverton
immediate approval of unemployment applications	Emily von W. Gilbert, affiliation unknown
consider making unemployment available without a one-week wait time	Jeff Knapp, Executive Director, Visit McMinnville
lines of communication between business and Oregon leaders, small business crisis line, stability and accessibility of the Unemployment Insurance Fund, recognition of cash-flow crisis facing businesses, relief for financial burden on industry sectors (more than a dozen recommendations)	Paloma Sparks, Vice President, Administration/General Counsel, Oregon Business & Industry
support for workers, no waiting for unemployment benefits, enhanced eligibility for unemployment, support for employers, no penalty for workers requesting	Sean Sullivan, President / CEO, Stumptown Coffee Roasters

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unemployment, authorization of rapid response funding through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act	
revenue replacement for small business owners	Victoria Mosse, small business owner, Wallowa County; Dynamic Therapies, Body <i>Change</i> Pilates
pay attention to these truly small companies	Rep. John Lively, House District 12; Chair, House Committee on Economic Development
assistance for independent contractors	Ash Bumpus-Martin, hairdresser, independent contractor
emergency grant program for business owners who are sole proprietorships or LLCs	Carissa Bonham, Owner, <u>Creative Green Living</u>
grant program to help our small businesses, access to unemployment	Jennifer M Plitzko, owner, Heim Bakery & Café, Portland
relief from unemployment tax rate	Katie Proctor, owner, Books with Pictures, Portland
provide grants, not loans to small businesses	Quinn & Theus, owners, The Farm Punks
financial assistance or relief	Paola Vitiello, owner, 12 unit apartment complex, Bramasole Properties
comprehensive economic plan	Alisia Ford, owner, Glory
emergency orders for changes to Unemployment and disability insurance, SBA disaster loan assistance, legislative action to close the virus exclusion in business interruption insurance	Erika Polmar, Founder, Plate & Pitchfork; representative of the Culinary, Beverage, Event and Agricultural Community
grants, not loans for business owners	Shelley Elkovich, Founder, For Bitter For Worse, Portland
unemployment extensions and waiving the wait week for unemployment benefits	Sean Tichenor, resident; member, Teamsters Local 305; worker, film and TV productions, live concert event production
temporary forbearance on small business loans, Immediate operating capital, a combination of 0% non-recourse loans and grant funding for small businesses	Emily Reiman, CEO, DevNW and Community LendingWorks; and Nita Shah, Executive Director, MESO
grant program for business owners similar to unemployment	Katherine Axline, co-owner, Symbiosis Printing, LLC, Portland
support the temporary suspension of quarterly tax payments, suspend the Corporate Activity Tax, or reroute a percentage of collected CAT revenues, accelerate the availability of gap loans or temporary financial investments	Sean Tate, Albany and Eastern Railroad

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more than a dozen recommendations regarding response and recovery priorities, housing, childcare, food access and benefits programs, protected family leave, paid sick leave and more	Graham Trainor, Oregon AFL-CIO; and Melissa Unger, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 503
disaster relief assistance to keep our business afloat	Charles "Rudy" Zarfes, owner, Zarfes Coffee Inc. DBA K&F Coffee Roasters
small business assistance	Ruth Gunn, small business owner, Grants Pass; member, National Write Your Congressman
unemployment benefits for self-employed, increase unemployment benefits for employees	Leah Orloff, self-employed landlord
11 recommendations for business assistance and economic policy	Erik Kancler, Economic Development Department, City of Bend
financial assistance to freelancers	Emily Benedict, community of artists and freelancers
temporarily lift statutory limit on spending transient lodging revenues; allow use of funds to help restaurant and lodging providers	Mary Faith Bell, Tillamook County
financial grant/assistance to help small business owners	Cully Central Team, restaurant/bar
small business grants	Sterling, Bend Electric Bikes, Bend, OR
small business grants	Karyn Verzwylt, small business owner, Bend
small business grants	Elizabeth Baena, small business owner, Portland
Suspend corporate activity and payroll taxes; immediate unemployment benefits	Joe Collins, independent retailer, Ashland
include home supply and hardware stores, including nursery garden centers and big box stores, in retail exemptions for any future mandated closing; delay implementation of corporate activities tax; reduce weight-mile for trucking firms, extend tax filing deadlines	Jeff Stone, Oregon Association of Nurseries
measures to assist small businesses in managing cash flow during closures	Jim McCauley, League of Oregon Cities
grants for businesses	Chelsea Llewellyn Swanda, Give&Take Resale, Take It or Leave It
letter to Gov Brown and Speaker Kotek with specific requests, including changes to emergency orders for changes to unemployment and disability insurance; SBA disaster loan assistance, and multiple requests to assist businesses	Anne Hubatch, culinary industry

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exempt BottleDrop from future closures as an essential service	Jules Bailey, Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC)
government-backed, no interest loans for bridge financing to support capital construction currently underway;	Bill Cross, Government and Community Affairs, Willamette Valley Vineyards.
state financial support for non-profit organizations	Elizabeth C. Start Executive Director SCRAP Creative Reuse
address economic hardships among the hospitality and tourism industries: relax predictive scheduling requirements, gap loan programs for payroll, front load family and medical leave act, utility relief funds, use of Work Share program, suspend required payments to retirement accounts, permit withdrawals from flexible spending accounts, require banks to allow interest-only payments, moratorium on commercial and residential evictions, suspension and diversion of payroll tax to waves.	Rep. Cheri Helt, District 54
grants for small business to sustain financial viability	Anna VonRosenstiel, Carter & Rose 3601 SE Division Street / Portland, OR 97202
increase Distiller Tasting Room Compensation to 45% (SB 1565 2020); improve access to low or 0% interest SBA loans, remove one-week unemployment waiting period, allow alcohol direct to consumer delivery, recovery assistance through Travel Oregon.	Brad Irwin, President of the Oregon Distillers Guild
short-term economic relief for small non-profit social service organizations.	Nicole Morris-Judd FolkTime Unity Program Manager Unity Center for Behavioral Health 1225 NE 2nd Avenue Portland, OR. 97232
expanding access to unemployment insurance (rather than mandating paid leave for employees).	Mrs. Carla Kaminga 33919 SE Eastgate Circle Corvallis, OR 97333-2205
financial support for small businesses	Daylily Kiousis
financial support for small businesses	Maya DiTraglia
small business; SBA disaster loan program to pay rent and loans.	Hazzel Svengard, Forager Vintage, Beaverton, OR
financial hardship for small businesses; freeze rent and mortgage payments without accrued interest during	Timber Hart, Ashland, OR

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deferment; forgiveness of loan debt, ability to refinance at no cost at lower rates; financial stimulus checks to individuals	
financial support for small businesses that serve farmers markets	Toni Marie Jones Happy Earth Wool Co. Joseph, OR 97846
financial support for social service agencies; remove requirement of “able and available to work” for unemployment benefits.	William Miller Community Advocacy Manager Community Development NAYA Family Center
grants for business owners; UI-type benefit for sole proprietor, LLC	Corey Schuster, Owner/Winemaker
help for independent contractors who have no UI or WC benefits	Danielle Lee
help for those losing job and health insurance (from food service industry)	Erika Goldin-Jones
assistance to small retail businesses	Troy Douglass, owner of Cultural Blends
assistance to small business to pay employees when having to curtail non-emergency treatment	Clark Taylor, Dermatology Professionals
defer payroll taxes, suspend CAT tax, keep UI tax rate from increasing due to use of WorkShare program	Jared Ray, Owner Operator, Greentree Enterprises
small business owner experiencing loss of revenue; no specific request	Keisuke Andrew, Owner of Enso Jiu Jitsu
small business owner with no UI; may need financial but can't afford a loan	Melissa Moline
moratorium on commercial property evictions, payroll tax relief, tax credit to incentivize employers to retain employees, direct financial assistance to small business, prompt pay on government contractors,	Johnell Bell, Espousal Solutions
concerns of independent contractor with no benefits	Tori Geter, MPH
grants to small businesses	Virginia Berg
grants based on preceding 6 month revenues with no employment requirements; Existing debt relief; pause on commercial and residential rent payments	Jack Kuo, Fuller Foods Inc.
concerns regarding loss of income as self-employed artist	Veronica Arquilevich Guzman

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stipends for workers who need to stay home or laid off, low interest business loans,	Dana Bredeweg, Practice Manager, The Veterinary Hospital
grants to small businesses	Jessica Poundstone
grants to small businesses	Susan Laarman, Eat Oregon Now ≠ Swarm Portland
bail out restaurants; moratorium on rent/mortgage	Heather bartender @ Clyde Common
concerns of small business owner; will need a loan	Anne J Miller, Gluten Free Gem Bakery
expand unemployment benefits: increase the amount, expand eligibility, extend duration	April W. Portland OR
target assistance for everyone dependent on tips	Jenn McDermott FOH Manager Clyde Common Portland OR
support for changes outline by Oregon Center for Public Policy	Marcia Kelley Oregon Women's Rights Coalition
include arts and cultural institutions in financial assistance	Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. Executive Director, High Desert Museum
need loan programs; low interest financing; and government to pay difference in employee paychecks directly to employees	Dick Clark Chief Executive Officer The Portland Clinic
prioritize grants for small businesses	Jacy Mairs Ryko Films
prioritize service industry personnel	Cassidy Root
financial assistance for small business	Anne J. Miller Gluten Free Gem Bakery
financial assistance for seasonal-dependent small businesses	Grady K. Rawls
financial assistance for landlords burdened by moratoriums on rent payment, rent reductions, or rent freezes	Matt Brischetto
prioritize laid-off service industry workers	Nicole Ringsdorf
prioritize small businesses	Judy Goodman, Owner/Founder BGood Bars LLC dba JÖR BAR
prioritize small businesses; require insurance companies to cover losses; provide grants not loans; relieve/defer/forgive financial obligations (state payroll tax, quarterly tax); fund paid sick time for employees; make unemployment benefits available immediately	Paul Losch, Proprietor Ruddick/Wood Newberg OR

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prioritize elderly small business owners surviving on multiple ventures	Kathleen and Grady Rawls
pause everything	Valerie Walter Elemental Massage, LLC
shut down all non-essential businesses and assess substantial punitive fines for noncompliance	Kyle S. Willard
Provide relief immediately	Wade Palmer, COO and CFO Kool Pak
grants not loans; prioritize small businesses that are forced to close; forgive existing loans	Elizabeth Hanna MAD HANNA Portland OR 97213
make appropriate disaster designation to allow access to disaster loans funds before they run out; provide payroll tax relief; suspend the new CAT tax; suspend utility payment; suspend property taxes to lower burden on landlords (testimony included attachment from entire downtown retail community in Ashland originally compiled for local government)	Kelly Jean Cooney Paddington Station
rent freeze for businesses, not just individuals	Taylor Van Wey
highly specific suggestions concerning needed interface w/DMV to maintain ability of commercial entities to transfer titles via USPS or other shipping means in the absence of person-to-person contact or temporarily allow vehicle sales to continue some other way	Mark Binder, Director of Govt Affairs Copart Dallas TX
highly specific suggestions included in testimony; prioritize least secure lowest earners over high earners; prioritize people/employee survival over business profit; prioritize small businesses over big; testimony includes specific burden-sharing suggestions; equity suggestions; gradual payback suggestions; suggestions to relieve/suspend or defer tax burdens; and small business preference in all public contracting	Susan Bliss Hillsboro OR
grants not loans	Dawn Bolgioni
grants not loans	Nicole Janssen
grants not loans	Melanie and Marcus van Witzenburg
prioritize small businesses already impacted and their employees – wineries, restaurants, bars, wine shops	Evan Roberts Crowley Wines Newberg OR
expand unemployment benefits to include employees forced to cut hours but not yet laid off; provide direct cash assistance for all workers, including self-employed people and direct support professionals; expand paid leave	Victoria Clark Fast Food Worker
expand access to unemployment benefits	Lisa Pool, LAC

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no shelter-in-place, only focus on those most at risk; make exceptions to sick leave requirements; consider maritime workers vital workforce/essential personnel; payroll tax holiday.	Rob Ritch, Vice President, Shaver Transportation Company
moratorium on commercial evictions and commercial rent payments; payroll tax holiday, extend 2020 tax filing deadline, postpone quarterly payroll tax payments, moratorium on tax penalties and fees; create and fund an emergency small business relief fund providing direct financial assistance to business for payroll, fixed expenses, and supplies; supplement Governor's Strategic Reserve Fund; tax credits for small businesses; classify construction as essential service; do not freeze government contracts (state or local) and require prompt payment; significant economic stimulus	Johnell Bell, Espousal Strategies; also member of the National Small Business Association Leadership Council
Unemployment for self-employed; assistance with overhead costs	Stacey Givens, Side Yard Farm and Kitchen
Grants, not loans, to small businesses; 7 years of no payroll tax for businesses making less than \$2 million annually.	Samantha Barsky, Bend Boss Babes
Expedited access to unemployment	Hannah Anderson
Freeze minimum wage; tax breaks for landlords; state pays business rents for two months – no payback; state-funded no-interest business loans; free Medicare for uninsured	Laurie Books, Owner, Clary Sage Herbarium
Expand definition of who qualifies for unemployment (should include business owners and independent contractors)	Eric Rowe, Owner, Studio Infinity Hair Salon
Direct grants, not loans, to small business.	Julie Jacob, Photographer
Financial help (possibly unemployment) for school classified employees who are hourly, and only paid when school is in session	Brenda Dickey, Title I Assistant, Earl Boyles Elem School, David Douglas SD
Small business stimulus grant	Casey Zarnes, Elkton Wine Company
Declare economic disaster; moratorium on commercial evictions and commercial rent payments; closure benefits for hospitality businesses; create and fund emergency small business relief fund; lift all restrictions on unemployment benefits; guarantee that business insurance claims will be paid; no freeze of government contracts; prompt payment of government contracts	Ashley Henry, Executive Director, Business for a Better Portland
Unemployment for business owners too	Noel Snodgrass, Chiropractic Physician

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Relief for small businesses, commercial rent abatement; unemployment for business owners	Carrie Solomon, CEO/Cofounder, Leif Goods and Greater Goods (2 emails)
Rent moratorium	Tyler Adams, Grizzly Tattoo
Small business grants, not loans; expand unemployment to business owners; full mortgage freeze	Cristin Hinesley, Owner, Flutter
Limit mandatory closures	Anonymous
Grant to small businesses, no help for large, moratorium on insurance payments; unemployment for those at 0 hours even if not officially laid off	Maximo Menchaca
support for the self-employed	Alexandria Christy
Small business grant options and existing debt refinancing	Vajra Alaya, Owner, Monochromatic
Small business loans	Annie Tucker, President, Cascade Radon
request \$800,000 in emergency funding to support salaries of 257 employees	Brian Ferriso, Executive Director, Portland Art Museum
Help for self-employed	Lisa
Restaurant workers loss of tip pay	Patty Caldwell
Unable to claim unemployment insurance (busy phones) and actively seeking work in quarantine	Sean O'Sullivan
create a safety net for sole proprietors; mortgage relief; and healthcare premium relief	Megan Bradley
Relief for contract workers	Fanny Bretsch
Small business assistance	Chelsea Marie McKenny, Continuall
Small business assistance, employee income and household assistance, and regulatory relief	Jonathan Manton, Advocate, Oregon Brewers Guild
Assistance for hourly school employees unable to work from home	Adam Reich
Small business assistance	Wayne Vandekraak
Small business assistance	Anonymous
Small business assistance through grants	Jessica Cook
financial assistance to non-profit arts organizations and create a financial safety net for service employees	Diana Gerding
Increase flexibility for unemployment insurance and add efficiency in processing; low/no interest loans or carefully targeted grant programs for businesses	Jenny Lee, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
financial assistance to freelancers	Emily Benedict, community of artists and freelancers
temporarily lift statutory limit on spending transient lodging revenues; allow use of funds to help restaurant and lodging providers	Mary Faith Bell, Tillamook County

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small business grants	Sterling, Bend Electric Bikes, Bend, OR
small business grants	Karyn Verzwylvelt, small business owner, Bend
small business grants	Elizabeth Baena, small business owner, Portland
Suspend corporate activity and payroll taxes; immediate unemployment benefits	Joe Collins, independent retailer, Ashland
include home supply and hardware stores, including nursery garden centers and big box stores, in retail exemptions for any future mandated closing; delay implementation of corporate activities tax; reduce weight-mile for trucking firms, extend tax filing deadlines	Jeff Stone, Oregon Association of Nurseries
measures to assist small businesses in managing cash flow during closures	Jim McCauley, League of Oregon Cities
grants for businesses	Chelsea Llewellyn Swanda, Give&Take Resale, Take It or Leave It
Ensure cannabis businesses are able to qualify for relief aid, including temporarily keeping sales taxes, and providing paid sick leave which is more costly due to federal tax laws; do not force closure of cannabis businesses; direct Treasury to issue bonds to back cannabis business loans	Casey Houlihan and Jesse Bontecou, Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association (ORCA)
Allow small business owners to access unemployment benefits when no longer able to make a monthly living wage	Katrina Thatcher, medical intern
Provide emergency funds to help maintain Habitat for Humanity's and other affordable homeownership entities' business and homebuilding operations	Steve Messinetti, Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East
Allow for remote notaries (e.g., Texas) and/or other electronic methods of conducting business, particularly for estate planning, which is a high-demand service right now; allow for remote witnesses for estate planning documents	Kim Herb, citizen
Small business grants, not loans	Melissa Grandkoski, business owner
Extend unemployment compensation benefits for those whose compensation funds will be exhausted in the next six months	S.W., citizen

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Expand unemployment insurance and remove barriers to access, especially for temporary workers, day laborers, tribes, and black, indigenous, and other people of color; should be available regardless of job type, how someone is or was paid, immigration status, and whether they have a physical address; provide sick days and paid leave to cover at least a 14-day absence; provide job protection and anti-retaliation measures for medically vulnerable workers	Coalition of Communities of Color, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, PAALF Action Fund, Causa, Verde, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, 350 PDX, Portland Harbor Community Coalition
Massive investments around green and clean energy projects; prioritize projects for black, indigenous, and other communities of color, tribes, and rural, coastal, or remote communities; direct resources to community energy planning and projects that can help ensure maximum local benefit; expand prevailing wage so that workers and their families receive full family health benefits	Coalition of Communities of Color, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, PAALF Action Fund, Causa, Verde, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, 350 PDX, Portland Harbor Community Coalition
Lease/rent/mortgage relief for business owners' work spaces, especially those that now have no income	Delia Paine, business owner (Bend retail store, 2 vacation rentals, art studio)
All workers should have access to UI benefits, whether they are mildly or severely ill, don't have access to childcare, are immune-compromised, or if they want to socially distance; create a special UI benefits category to be used now and in the future during declared states of emergency; employers closing by recommendation of the Governor should have the ability to apply for UI benefits for their entire workforce to alleviate administrative burden on the state and allow for a seamless transition for workers; consider infrastructure investment to help keep people working; temporarily expand the state's prevailing wage requirements to ensure members receive full family health benefits	Robert Camarillo, Oregon State Building & Construction Trades Council
Small business grants program for businesses owned by BIPOC communities; commercial rent forgiveness during the duration of the administrative closure; allow non-citizens (DACA, TPS recipients) to qualify and apply for unemployment benefits	Immigrant Rights Organizations
Small business grants	Brigid Flood & Peter Nehring, small business owners

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<p>Work with Governor to declare an Economic Disaster to qualify for federal assistance programs; establish immediate moratorium on commercial evictions and commercial rent payments; compel banks to work with property owners to negotiate mortgage payment plans; provide closure benefits for businesses that have been forced to close or limit service in response to the pandemic; create and fund an emergency small business relief fund to provide direct financial assistance to help businesses, loans and grants need to be easy to apply for, have low interests rates with realistic payback terms; supplement the Governor’s Strategic Reserve Fund with \$50 million one-time grants to impacted businesses; life restrictions on unemployment benefits immediately (no waiting period, no job search requirement, no employer contribution, expand Work Share program); ensure food supply chains are kept intact; extend 2020 tax filing deadline; postpone small business loan and quarterly payroll tax payments and institute a 90-day moratorium on penalties and fees; establish legislative guarantee that business insurance claims will be paid; local, regional, and state government should avoid freezing contracts with small business vendors, and prioritize opportunities to support small businesses through procurement; require all state agencies to promptly pay invoices of 50-500 employees within 30 days rather than the current 90 days for contractor payments</p>	<p>Business for a Better Portland, RAIN, Oregon Native American Chamber, BUILT, XXcelerate, APAN, Coalition of Communities of Color</p>
<p>waiting week requirement for unemployment benefits, reach beyond the normal coverage of unemployment insurance, supplement and expand unemployment system</p>	<p>Robin Quon, former member of the Employment Department's Advisory Council</p>
<p>nine requests regarding regulatory processes, business and worker licenses, hold on new rules/codes/ordinances, electronic systems, procedural errors, citizens /volunteers /commissioners/councils, legislative relief, proclamation of value of construction</p>	<p>Mark Long, Chief Executive Officer, Oregon Home Builders Association</p>
<p>relief from Student Success tax act</p>	<p>Jane Stickney, retired Oregon educator</p>
<p>Prioritize anyone dependent on tips; any/all assistance</p>	<p>Jenn McDermott FOH Manager Clyde Common Portland OR</p>
<p>Prioritize service industry personnel</p>	<p>Cassidy Root</p>

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Pause everything	Valerie Walter Elemental Massage, LLC
fund paid sick leave for employees	Paul Losch Proprietor Ruddick/Wood Newberg OR
prioritize anyone dependent on tips; any/all assistance	Jenn McDermott FOH Manager Clyde Common Portland OR
Need loan programs; low interest financing	Dick Clark Chief Executive Officer The Portland Clinic

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HOUSEHOLD STABILITY AND HUMAN SERVICES	
Establishment of a \$2M emergency fund to provide natural gas, electricity, and water utility relief to ensure working capital can be put towards payroll and maintaining staffing levels.	Reps. Helt and Bynum
Allow withdrawals from flexible spending accounts to help Oregonians manage their cash reserves	Reps. Helt and Bynum
Immediately exempt anything sold in a grocery store or pharmacy from the new commercial activities tax, including items currently subject to the tax like prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, wipes, personal hygiene products, cleaning products and hand sanitizer	Sen. Thomsen
utility payment freeze	Adolfo Garza-Cano, affiliation unknown; Serin Bussell, resident, Senate District 17 and House District 33; Judith Lienhard, retired registered nurse and military veteran, Portland; Yomari Cruz DeWeese, affiliation unknown
requests food assistance	David Garcia, Siskiyou Pines Developments LLC, Siskiyou Pines Patrol LLC, IV Chamber of Commerce
requests financial assistance	Morgan Fava, service team member
\$2,000 for every family	Susan Young, affiliation unknown
cash assistance for food and other expenses	Farrah Chaichi, affiliation unknown
aid to low-income individuals	Spencer Pond, artist
response from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Janet Bauer, Oregon Center for Public Policy
Prioritize resources for the Oregonians in greatest need, Ensure investments benefit historically oppressed communities, Tap available reserves now, prepare to raise revenue later, act with urgency	Daniel Hauser, Oregon Center for Public Policy
public benefit assistance, employment assistance, fines and fees suspension	Alicia Temple, Oregon Law Center
rent, mortgage, and housing expense freeze; debt freeze/forgiveness;	Emily von W. Gilbert, affiliation unknown
financial relief for housing providers	Jeff, owner, PDX Pads LLC
paid leave, job protection and other income replacements, debt relief and basic services	Lili Hoag, Family Forward Oregon

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HOUSEHOLD STABILITY AND HUMAN SERVICES	
(more than a dozen recommendations), strengthen and increase access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), implement “Pandemic EBT,” housing, child care, and work supports, reject attempts to gut revenue for education and human services	Matt Newell-Ching, Public Affairs Director, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
basic income payments for all Oregonians	Katie Proctor, owner, Books with Pictures, Portland
provide interim relief, extend deadlines, and protect against lost wages.	Amanda Adams, MSW, CWSA, Youth and Family Therapist, Tualatin High School
State energy assistance for qualified low-income households	Janet Merrell Executive Director Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO)
Ensure outreach and communication in a variety of languages (translation and interpretation); universal childcare and grants to child care facilities; statewide rent and mortgage forgiveness; free food to low-income families; release youth in juvenile detention centers and non-violent adults in jails/prisons.	Adriana Miranda, Executive Director, Causa
Emergency rental assistance, flexible unemployment insurance, expanded workforce development services, childcare options for frontline workers.	Stacy F. Cowan, State Government Relations Manager, Office of Government Relations, City of Portland
Mortgage and rent abatement; coverage of utilities (gig economy)	Amber Dennis
Cash relief, suspend mortgage payments, extend unemployment compensation for individuals who will exhaust their benefits in the next six months.	April Westfall 11726 SE Harold St, Portland, OR 97266
Flexible use of clients’ Individual Development Accounts (IDA) for emergency uses	William Miller Community Advocacy Manager Community Development NAYA Family Center
Concerns of family’s loss of income; inability to get occupational license with offices closed	Chloe Andrew
Close all non-essential services; moratorium on rent, utilities, car, and other household bills	Sarah Miller
Invest in human resources and education	James Aiken, Salem, Or
Various suggestions to increase household stability	Maia Watkins, PFSP/AFT Local 111
Fund purchase/distribution of food; National Guard to deliver food; protect current nutrition and human service programs	Susannah Morgan, CEO, Oregon Food Bank
Suspend mortgage payments	April W. Portland OR

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HOUSEHOLD STABILITY AND HUMAN SERVICES	
Prioritize anyone dependent on tips; any/all assistance	Jenn McDermott FOH Manager Clyde Common Portland OR
Freeze rent and mortgage payments for low-wage workers, and/or provide accessible, no-barrier rent and mortgage assistance	Jesse Smith
Freeze rent and mortgage payments for low-wage workers, and/or provide accessible, no-barrier rent and mortgage assistance	Choya Renata
Prioritize service industry personnel	Cassidy Root
Pause everything	Valerie Walter Elemental Massage, LLC
Highly specific suggestions included in testimony; prioritize rent and mortgage assistance for the most needy/vulnerable first (low-income persons who also have children or are elderly or disabled); negotiate burden-sharing and relaxation of terms/obligations, with banks and credit unions; relieve/suspend tax burdens for small landlords and/or landlords who rent to low-income tenants	Susan Bliss Hillsboro OR
Suspend rent, mortgages, and evictions; do not require repayment	Brandy Fortson
Direct cash assistance for all workers, including self-employed people and direct support professionals; expand paid leave; prioritize houseless people; freeze rent and evictions; freeze utility payments	Victoria Clark Fast Food Worker
Need government to pay difference in employee paychecks directly to employees	Dick Clark Chief Executive Officer The Portland Clinic
Suspend child support payments for out-of-work parents who have joint custody or shared parenting time	Lisa Pool, LAc
Support for shelter and residential or day treatment programs for youth	Royce Bowlin, Executive Director, Oregon Alliance
Ensure food supply chains are stable and provide additional support to the Oregon Food Bank	Ashley Henry, Executive Director, Business for a Better Portland
Protect WIC food and supplies; require stores to allocate separate times for elderly and healthcare workers	Smitha R. Chadaga
Working family loss of income and lacking benefits	Sydney Morrisson
Direct cash assistance and coordinated care for seniors and people with disabilities	Taylor Smiley Wolfe, Home Forward
Support for workers not eligible for unemployment insurance; flexible cash is one of most effective tools; ensure there are jobs to return to; provide food assistance	Jenny Lee, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

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provide interim relief, extend deadlines, and protect against lost wages.	Amanda Adams, MSW, CWSA, Youth and Family Therapist, Tualatin High School
Interim relief for individuals with service industry jobs that now have no income	Merri Kay Root, citizen
Direct cash assistance (\$1,000/mo.) to assist small business owners who suddenly have no income to pay personal bills	Delia Tethong, citizen, and event producer
Provide non-essential social service workers for time off, for health care, and allow extra paid sick or vacation time	Jen Beard, citizen
Need direct cash assistance that does not require repayment	Cherie Savoie Tintary, stylist salon owner, and Suzanne Savoie, small business owner
Interim relief for service industry employees	Mackenzie Root, citizen
Expand existing antipoverty programs; cash assistance; provide special assistance to people affected by COVID-19; make all financial assistance available and easy to distribute through third parties like CBOs and Community Action agencies; establish an emergency grant program for CBOs, housing authorities, and social service organizations	Coalition of Communities of Color, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, PAALF Action Fund, Causa, Verde, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, 350 PDX, Portland Harbor Community Coalition
Provide free food and essential resources to low-income families; provide income or financial assistance to those unable to access unemployment benefits	Immigrant Rights Organizations
Suspend all payments – mortgage, auto, credit cards, student loans, commercial loans, and rent (commercial and residential) for three months; payments including principal and interest would be added to the principal balance of the loans; loans coming due within 1 year would be extended automatically for at least 3-6 months unless refinanced	Bruce Englund, Bend

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Place a moratorium on commercial and residential evictions after March 13, 2020	Reps. Helt and Bynum
\$1 million to award one-year grants to organizations that provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth	Rep. Helt
\$1 million to award one-year grants to organizations that operate host home projects for unaccompanied homeless youth	Rep. Helt
State action to protect residents in residential leases	Rep. Gorsek
requests rent and eviction freeze	Danielle Mayfield, resident, Rockwood
rent and mortgage moratorium	Edward Schiessl, co-owner and managing director, Broadway Metro Cinema, Eugene
rent relief	Gillian Johanson, resident and bartender
rent relief and eviction prohibition	Heather Griffin, affiliation unknown
requests rent/mortgage freeze, emergency housing,	Hazel Gross, affiliation unknown
moratorium on rent and mortgage payments	Jeffrey Fuller, resident, Portland; history teacher, Reynolds High School, Troutdale; Chair, Reynolds Education Association
help with rent and mortgage payments	Jill Maricich, Owner/Property Manager, TITAN Property Management Services, LLC
financial assistance for rent and mortgage	John Gardiner, River Basin Management & Restoration; Rusk Ranch Nature Center, CJ Farmers' Market; IV Chamber of Commerce
rent and mortgage freeze	Kelly O'Bonnon, resident, Salem
rent relief	Lauren Baker, constituent
rent and mortgage suspension	Lorraine Smith, resident, Aloha
rent relief, stay on evictions	Maria Sarahi Ortiz, affiliation unknown
suggests/offers temporary camping facilities	Paul Elmore, resident, Sandy
moratorium on rent, utilities, and evictions	Sarah, food industry employee

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moratorium on mortgage, rent, eviction, foreclosure	Thomas Owen, grandparent, property owner, real estate principal broker, property manager
rent and mortgage freeze	B, restaurant employee
rent freeze	Emily Hannah, resident, Portland
rent, mortgage, and utility payment freeze	Farrah Chaichi, affiliation unknown
rent freeze	Jamie Sheppard, affiliation unknown
work with Deborah Imse and Multifamily NW to find solutions	Jeffrey Denson, Dalton Management, Inc
rent and mortgage assistance/freeze	Margretta Stone, landlord, Grants Pass
rent and mortgage freeze	Sage Paden, affiliation unknown
\$500,000 for Blanchet House	Scott Kerman, Executive Director, Blanchet House of Hospitality
rent and mortgage freeze	Sean Ferraro, restaurant employee, Portland
rent freeze	Shirley Vivian Barksdale, service industry employee
rent freeze	Tanna TenHoopen Dolinsky, small business owner, Portland
rent freeze	V Richmond, affiliation unknown
rent and mortgage freeze	Kerrie Doran, employee, consignment store, Portland
rent and mortgage freeze	Robin Vada, small business owner/freelancer, Portland
rent and mortgage freeze	Kelly McCrillis, small business owner/freelancer, Portland
housing assistance, tax assistance	Deborah Imse, Executive Director, Multifamily NW
rent and utility payment freeze	Alyssa Jacques, art director
rent freeze	Cay Davis, affiliation unknown
rent and utility payment freeze	Brennan Facchino, resident
rent and mortgage freeze	Dexter, bartender

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eviction moratorium, rent assistance, affordable housing provider assistance, emergency shelter and homeless assistance, shelter assistance	Alison McIntosh, Oregon Housing Alliance
housing assistance, tax assistance, rent assistance, moratorium on enforcement of the Fair Access in Renting, and more	Karen Levin, CEO, Licensed Property Manager, KBC Management Inc.
rent freeze	Spencer Pond, artist
rent freeze	Angelica Brown, affiliation unknown
housing assistance	Alicia Temple, Oregon Law Center
suspension of mortgage payments and a suspension of the FAIR act	Lisa Long, landlord; Owner and Operator, High Five Properties
exemptions from eviction suspension for certain occupants	Melinda B. Wilde, attorney and landlord
(more than a dozen recommendations) winter warming shelters, housing assistance, need for clarification of the Governor's order and how it may affect homeless shelters, food pantries and distribution	Scott Cooper, Executive Director, NeighborImpact
mortgage and economic forbearance for rental property owners and small businesses	Stephen Mayer, resident, Portland, rental property owner
emergency funding for housing providers, provide property tax relief, equal to the rent losses, and several other suggestions	Sue Scott, resident, Happy Valley, landlord of 25 residential units, Portland
housing and utilities relief	Sean Tichenor, resident; member, Teamsters Local 305; worker, film and TV productions, live concert event production
landlords need financial aid from the state	AL Orloff, owner, apartment complex, Mount Angel
relief for landlords from mortgage and utility payments	Leah Orloff, self-employed landlord
over a dozen recommendations for housing supports, food, transportation, health care, support for incarcerated individuals, BIPOC, immigrants and refugees, worker protections, family and community supports	Coalition of 29 groups
freeze rent and mortgages, with cushion time to rebuild incomes	Emily Benedict, community of artists and freelancers
rent freeze, suspend utility payments, halt evictions	Scott, bartender
freeze rent/utilities	Cully Central Team, restaurant/bar
forbearance on mortgage, tax bills, utility bills	Railton family, historic property owners, Portland

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pause on mortgage payments/interest	Danielle Grondin
freeze rent and mortgage payments; do not require payment of back rent	Kevin Kelly, Corvallis
suspend rent payments	Joe Collins, independent retailer, Ashland
freeze rents; moratorium on evictions	Rubi Kaimowitz, affiliation unknown
assistance with rent and mortgage payments,	Morgan Florea, service industry worker
moratorium on rent and mortgages	Christina Sullivan, service industry
rent relief; eviction moratorium	Rina Alazas, public health practitioner
provide property tax relief, equal to the rent losses; Mortgage and economic forbearance for rental property owners and small businesses.	Sue Scott, MS, Happy Valley OR, Owner of 25 residential units in City.
rent forgiveness and moratorium of evictions; emergency funding for vulnerable populations; ensure eligibility for state services and programs	Martha Sonato, Political Director, PCUN
housing stability; eviction stays, rent assistance	Sarah Kinas, Portland, OR
\$2.2 million to award grants to organizations that serve unaccompanied homeless youth.	Rep. Cheri Helt, District 54
financial insecurity and housing instability	Vaughn Kimmons Portland, OR resident
rental assistance for individuals who are laid off due to business closures; particularly for educational providers	Michael Smith instructional assistant, Earl Boyle's Elementary School, David Douglas School District
rent and mortgage moratorium	Kyle von Hoetzendoff
waive late fees for monthly rental payments, 30-day moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent, emergency funding and regulatory relief for affordable housing providers (housing community development corporations), financial waiver for property owners,	Brian Hoop, Director, Housing Oregon Sheila Stiley, Executive Director, NW Coastal Housing and Board Chair, Housing Oregon
moratorium on evictions	Oona Marie Portland, Oregon
rent freeze	Mary Spagnola
moratorium on evictions, rent, mortgage, car payments, and foreclosures until COVID-19 crisis subsides	William Miller Community Advocacy Manager Community Development NAYA Family Center
moratorium on evictions	Elisabeth Kokesh
moratorium on rent payment and evictions	Siiri Visto, MPH Public Health Practice OHSU-PSU School of Public Health

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moratorium on rent payment	Lane Kaiser
moratorium on evictions; help for owners of subsidized (affordable) housing	Sheila Greenlaw-Fink Executive Director COMMUNITY HOUSING FUND
various suggestions to provide housing and income stability	Mary Kyle McCurdy, Deputy Director, 1000 Friends of Oregon
suspend mortgage payments	April W. Portland OR
prioritize anyone dependent on tips; any/all assistance	Jenn McDermott FOH Manager Clyde Common Portland OR
freeze rent and mortgage payments for low-wage workers, and/or provide accessible, no-barrier rent and mortgage assistance	Jesse Smith
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suspend rent, mortgages, and evictions; do not require repayment	Brandy Fortson
rent and mortgage forgiveness	Hannah Anderson
suspend all residential rent/mortgage charges, no expectation for payment of back rent/mortgage; house the homeless.	Jeffrey Albanese, Director of Community and Program Development, SquareOne Villages
moratorium on rent/mortgage, stipend for food and utilities or food stamps for all	Drew Robinson-Woods
statewide rent/mortgage forgiveness; suspend utility payments; provide housing/healthcare/public transit for all; provide food to low-income families; universal childcare	Sandra Hernandez-Lomeli, Director, Latinos Unidos Siempre (also Farmworker Housing Development Corp, Causa,

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	Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality, American Friends Service Committee, Capece Leadership Institute, Salem Democratic Socialists, PCUN, Mano a Mano Family Center, Safe Routes Partnership)
economic relief and protection from housing instability	Mitzy King
stop all rent and mortgage collections until schools are reopened	Amanda Chapman
mortgage moratorium	Tyler Adams, Grizzly Tattoo
safety net for landlords too, not just renters – moratorium on rent must be accompanied by moratorium on foreclosure; disincentive for tenants to just stay home and live rent-free – not just back rent should be owed, but with interest	Matt Brischetto, Landlord
freeze all utilities, bills, rent, and mortgages	Beth Payne
provide separate housing for COVID-19 patients released from hospital	Smitha R. Chadaga
3-month freeze on all mortgage, rent, auto payments, utilities	Jennifer Brownlee
rent freeze	Maya R. Najera Evans
landlord obligations from rental income if moratorium on evictions	Elisa Smith
nonprofits serving low-income communities; rental assistance instead of deferring rental payments	Mercedes Elizalde, Public Policy Director, Central City Concern
rental income supports services; regulatory and compliance relief; and financial waivers	Travis Phillips, Catholic Charities
homelessness and housing insecurity; rental and mortgage relief; nonprofit service capacity	Lisa Frack, Human Solutions: Building Pathways Out of Poverty
establish subsidized rent program	Steve Westfall
eviction moratorium; emergency rent assistance; funding for affordable housing providers to permanently waive unpaid rent; and funding for Public Housing Authorities to maintain current service levels	Taylor Smiley Wolfe, Home Forward
moratorium on commercial evictions; immediate statewide moratorium on evictions and suspension of any late fees for renters who have lost income; suspension of evictions for reasons not related to safety or habitability; direct cash assistance or rent vouchers; prohibit utility shut-offs	Jenny Lee, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
freeze rent and mortgages, with cushion time to rebuild incomes	Emily Benedict, community of artists and freelancers
rent freeze, suspend utility payments, halt evictions	Scott, bartender
freeze rent/utilities	Cully Central Team, restaurant/bar

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freeze rent and mortgages, or provide accessible, easy-to-use rent/mortgage assistance	Katrina Thatcher, medical intern
ensure homeowner stability, especially for homeowners that work in service industry jobs; provide emergency mortgage assistance for low-income homeowners and do not require that homeowner already be delinquent to initiate support; expand OHSI mortgage assistance program	Steve Messinetti, Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East
moratorium on evictions and mortgages, suspend late fees; provide significant rental assistance; provide direct financial assistance to affordable housing service providers; provide emergency shelter resources; provide resources to shelters to fund hygiene supplies and to make social distancing changes; ensure immigrant communities have culturally appropriate assistance; suspend all foreclosure actions for at least 60 days	Wlnsvey Campos, citizen
rent and mortgage freezes, and/or rental/mortgage payment assistance; eviction moratorium	Mui Easland, citizen
mortgage freeze, especially since federal direct cash assistance likely will not come in time for April mortgage/rent due dates	S.W., citizen
provide funds for vouchers to shelter homeless at local hotels; consider mobile shower units to support homeless hygiene; explore local directives for caring for homeless; help organizations like the Community shower Truck, Inc in Bend access medical suits/PPE to protect ourselves while helping homeless	Tom Stutheit, Community Shower Truck, Inc., Bend
implement eviction moratorium for the next year for both residential and commercial tenants; waive late fees; expand rental assistance; explore mechanisms to absorb, adjust, or forgive rent; provide direct assistance to regulated affordable housing providers to subsidize rent	Coalition of Communities of Color, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Asian Pacific American

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and utilities; expand services for people experiencing houselessness, especially around health and hygiene; lift camping bans and ban camping sweets; explore land use as a tool to create safe places for people to rest, recover, and receive support including vacant lots and buildings	Network of Oregon, PAALF Action Fund, Causa, Verde, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, 350 PDX, Portland Harbor Community Coalition
income replacement and health insurance for all those in need, particularly service industry workers, and those who were already income/housing/medicine insecure	Michele Bertaux, Milwaukie
statewide rent and mortgage forgiveness; emergency shelters for youth impacted by homelessness	Immigrant Rights Organizations
freeze rent and mortgages	Brigid Flood & Peter Nehring, small business owners
full eviction moratorium on all non safety-related evictions; no burden on renters to prove they're affected by the COVID crisis; a full rent holiday for the month of April or longer if crisis continues with no expectation that it be paid back; no means testing for renters; housing not shelters – state should use emergency powers to get houseless into hotels	Steve Langasek, Portland
freeze rent and mortgage payments as well as evictions, without restriction, barrier, or means testing	Mark Harvey, citizen
freeze rent, mortgage, and utility payments; provide emergency funding to shelter systems and programs	Family Promise of Beaverton
allocate emergency funding to cover lost rental income; eviction moratorium; prioritize regulated affordable housing projects that are the least financially resilient multifamily projects; provide regulatory relief allowing for changes in property management and operations to support social distancing; suspend compliance requirements for annual income rectifications, compliance-related unit inspections, in-unit maintenance compliance responses, and allowing residents to refuse entry without being notified of lease violation; provide financial waivers so properties/owners can accommodate lack of income if not collecting rent; advocate with private financial investors and institutions, the IRS and HUD to amend/suspend/change Section 42 compliance components related to financial issues of tax credit properties as well as the requirement for annual income verifications (IRS/HUD), and encourage the financial industry, banks, and lenders to consider these items; organize calls or video meetings with our congressional delegation and these entities	Sheila Stiley, Northwest Coastal Housing
mortgage freeze	Katie Proctor, owner, Books with Pictures, Portland

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long-term rental help for tenants	Anthony Clem & Cynthia Ferguson, owner, condo, Portland

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CHILDCARE, EDUCATION-RELATED ISSUES	
\$20,000,000 for COVID-19 Emergency Shelter-in-Place Childcare Grants: three (3) month eligibility for paying the "price of a parent" not going to work. The shelter in place standard is best practices, but it is not practical. We pay families with children less than 14 years old a standard grant (amount for each child, for three months) to assist families with costs associated with societal upheaval about to happen. The money isn't for them, the money is an insurance policy for the rest of us from the potential risk of exposure from children.	Rep. Evans
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Explore more online supplemental education material and support distance learning; support childcare needs; guidance on serving meals during non-student contact time; increase number of available food sites.	Rep. Prusak
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding to address Special Ed specifically 	Rep. Gorsek
need-based funding for community college students and implementing emergency funds, emergency funding and healthcare for part-time faculty in need	Adrienne Mitchell, Lane Community College Education Association, Oregon Education Association Community College Council
discounted education materials	Kelly O'Bonnon, resident, Salem
assistance for higher education institutions	Max Wedding, resident, House District 48; project manager, Clackamas Community College
emergency child care assistance, maintain the availability of child care	Ana del Rocio, Oregon Childcare Project
child care and protection for child care providers	Lili Hoag, Family Forward Oregon
temporary child care	Scott Cooper, Executive Director, NeighborImpact
continue federal funding for early care and education programs, provide emergency funding for early care and education programs, include the child care workforce in	Dana Hepper, Director of Policy & Advocacy, Children's Institute

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those eligible for extended unemployment insurance and other wage replacement strategies	
Temporary relaxation of day care rules for city facilities	Jim McCauley, League of Oregon Cities
Employment related daycare: increase in the standard rate and the enhanced rate for non-licensed childcare providers.	William Miller Community Advocacy Manager Community Development NAYA Family Center
Highly specific suggestions included in testimony; cancel current community college term; temporarily cancel non-credit classes at community colleges; allow repeat terms, reenrollment, honor previous tuition payments, etc.; anticipate and assist students with “catch-up” post-pandemic	Susan Bliss Hillsboro OR
Universal childcare for all still working	Sandra Hernandez-Lomeli, Director, Latinos Unidos Siempre (also Farmworker Housing Development Corp, Causa, Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality, American Friends Service Committee, Capeces Leadership Institute, Salem Democratic Socialists, PCUN, Mano a Mano Family Center, Safe Routes Partnership)
Direct financial assistance for working parents whose kids are out of school	Ashley Henry, Executive Director, Business for a Better Portland
Closing large daycare	Valeri Helm
Provide access to child care	Jenny Lee, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
Provide financial support to school employees; do not require hourly school employees work during the summer to “make up time” because they are being compensated now	Christopher Lee, school employee
Provide childcare vouchers and make childcare free, safe, and widely available	Coalition of social, economic and environmental justice groups
Provide universal childcare for those who continue working; provide small business assistance grants to child care facility owners	Immigrant Rights Organizations

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\$15,000,000 in additional funding for the Resiliency Grant Fund within the Treasury split evenly between equipment for local, regional, and tribal government preparedness and public health response equipment and/or medical supplies.	Rep. Evans
\$15,000,000 in contingency funding for Oregon Health Authority for contagion prevention, response, and recovery programming.	Rep. Evans
More and better PPE that is rated for airborne precautions; widely available test	Rep. Evans on behalf of Dr. Trevor Phillips
Need adequate number of hospital beds; PPE; medical workforce	Rep. Prusak
More PPE gear	Rep. Gorsek
universal health care	David Garcia, Siskiyou Pines Developments LLC, Siskiyou Pines Patrol LLC, IV Chamber of Commerce
data collection and best public health practices	Patricia Neighbor, affiliation unknown
automatic one-year license extension to everyone whose license is due for renewal during the remainder of 2020	Patrick Snow, retired physician
labs for testing, field hospitals, testing kits	Steve Adams, affiliation unknown
closure of all health clubs and gyms	Tate Metcalf, Owner, Sisters Athletic Club
more personal protective equipment on the front lines, adequate information, supply itemization, social distancing	Lisa Reynolds, physician, House District 36
test kits	Michael Paruch, parent, Silverton
financial and material support for Trillium Family Services' ongoing mental, physical and emotional care of Oregon's most vulnerable children	Kim Scott, CEO, Trillium Family Services
permission to waive patient co-pays, waive licensing fines for providers who cannot attend trainings, willing and qualified group of professionals should be allowed to provide training provided the training is properly documented and training records are maintained, direct the counseling, social work and psychologist's licensing boards to allow mental health professionals to define and provide qualified training that they believe is relevant to public health and safety	Laurie Crandell, Bethany Franklin-Comb, Michaele Dunlap, Colette Cottrill, Tracy Heart, Todd Ransford, Annette Rankin, Michael Conner, American Mental Health Alliance- Oregon
allow the executive director of a health profession licensing board to waive, statutory requirements and	Tom Holt, Zoom+Care

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rules, limited to specified providers; provide that waivers expire when the declared emergency ends	
direct OHA to address regulatory barriers (more than a dozen recommendations)	Heather Jefferis, Oregon Council for Behavioral Health, and Cheryl Ramirez, Association of Community Mental Health Programs
communication to front line providers, provision of needed equipment, a medical officer or leader who has a background in this kind of tactical planning who can take charge	Smitha Chadaga, physician, Portland
include Direct Support Professionals in your emergency definition of “health care worker”	Lois Gibson, Oregon Resource Association, Lorelei LaVoie, Community Providers Association of Oregon, Gabrielle Guedon, Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition and eight more signatories
put people to work, at a safe distance from one another, cleaning up our trails so that Oregonians can enjoy our natural spaces during this time and taking care of a backlog of work	Sarah Mazze, affiliation unknown
requesting emergency rules be enacted to ensure access to mental health care	Rachel Wiggins Emory, Coalition of Professional Associations of Counselors and Therapists (COPACT)
remove barriers to testing, communicate facts to state and local agencies, coordinate feedback and suggest improvements	Tim Thigpen, affiliation unknown
temporarily lift statutory limit on spending transient lodging revenues; allow use of funds to rent hotel rooms for overflow hospital patients	
mobilize peer-to-peer workforce; make loans available to small community health organizations	Danielle Grondin, FolkTime, Inc., Multnomah and Clackamas Counties
free COVID-19 testing and treatment.	Adriana Miranda, Executive Director, Causa
reimbursement for telemedicine; deploy non-essential HC providers to help front-line HC providers	Sara Love, ND, Portland, OR
burdensome travel for vulnerable populations (long distances) to access COVID-19 testing services	Lynn Ewing, Mayor, City of Maupin, Oregon
employee protections; require utility companies to equip field staff with PPE	Olivia Nelson
need loan programs specific to health care clinics	Dick Clark Chief Executive Officer The Portland Clinic

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Expand/open access to Oregon Health Plan	Lisa Pool, LAc
Health care for all; information provided in multiple languages	Sandra Hernandez-Lomeli, Director, Latinos Unidos Siempre (also Farmworker Housing Development Corp, Causa, Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality, American Friends Service Committee, Capeces Leadership Institute, Salem Democratic Socialists, PCUN, Mano a Mano Family Center, Safe Routes Partnership)
Expand eligibility for the Oregon Health Plan	Ashley Henry, Executive Director, Business for a Better Portland
pay for hotel stays for health care workers so they do not infect their families; ask for donations for masks/gloves	Blair Wardwell
better communication to providers, PPE, put someone in charge who has a background in pandemic management	Smitha R. Chadaga
test and quarantine – mobile testing clinics; collaborate with UW virology lab; use motels, require temperature testing at all public buildings, hospitals, and workplaces	RJ Sheperd
facilitate supply chain for PPE; protections for health care workers	Mark Gibbs, RN
personal protective equipment and testing; protect existing health care workers; out-of-state health care providers; clear protocols and increased transparency; and access to affordable health care, unemployment insurance and social safety nets for patients	Catie Theisen, Oregon Nurses Association
pharmacist involvement in COVID-19 testing and services and state recommendations	Niki Terzieff, Oregon State Pharmacy Coalition
long-term care community request for funding, PPE, and workforce	Ruth Gulyas, CEO of LeadingAge Oregon
policies to address grocery store employee exposure to protect employees and food supply	Zarith Hammond
emergency sick leave and resources for telework or social distancing for certain healthcare employees	Katherine Bour, Unity Center for Behavioral Health
provide free testing, treatment and preventative care; ensure access to mental health care	Jenny Lee, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
remove barriers to testing, communicate facts to state and local agencies, coordinate feedback and suggest improvements	Tim Thigpen, affiliation unknown
Provide funding for mental health services	Katrina Thatcher, medical intern
Allow telehealth response capability for counseling and mental health consultations, and allow all individuals to access telehealth with free minutes/phone service, particularly for those without cell phones or with limited minutes available	Jacek/Jack Haciaik, psychiatrist

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HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE	
Be aware that out-patient treatment facilities such as Trillium Family Services' Children's Farm Home in Corvallis are still operating and providing daily group therapy and prosocial skills to mental health clients and then those children go home each evening; some of the providers are also working and/or living with respiratory sensitive and autoimmune suppressed individuals; this is an unnecessary risk	Jen Beard, citizen
Find adequate numbers of hospital beds; find ways to develop PPE; and take care of / ensure public health workforce available	Rep. Prusak
Provide free COVID-19 testing and treatment with clear messaging that this care will not trigger public charge ground of inadmissibility and no questions about immigration status will be asked of those who access treatment; extend CAWEM eligibility to include coverage for testing and treatments for folks regardless of immigration status; ensure no family faces adverse consequences related to their immigration status for getting the critical help they need	Immigrant Rights Organizations

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\$10,000,000 in contingency funding for the likelihood of a state mobilization of the National Guard.	Rep. Evans
\$5,000,000 in additional funding for region specific response efforts	Rep. Evans
\$5,000,000 in contingency funding for SAIF for supporting the Governor's range of options under the State of Emergency	Rep. Evans
Get accurate information out to our communities	Rep. Prusak
Moratorium on legal constraints for minimum building enterprise funds for a limited time. ORS 455.210(C)	Rep. McLain
Use the Emergency Broadcast System to get information out or have a similar but discrete system to communicate urgency	Rep. Gorsek
Lift the plastic bag ban/and or provide paper bags for free.	Rep. Gorsek
Support for municipal IT infrastructure investment for functional, quality, teleconferencing capabilities.	Rep. Gorsek
Put a pause on the need to visit the DMV	Rep. Gorsek
Have certain days for running essential errands and grocery shopping using system using the first letter of a last name or last digit on the license number	Rep. Gorsek
Need equipment and financial resources for public safety services and financial resources for local governments to support public safety services	Rep. Gorsek
question about state of emergency	Alisa Pompetti, owner, Kona Ice of N. Clackamas
new grocery distribution model	Anthony Soto, affiliation unknown
National Guard	Kelly O'Bonnon, resident, Salem
no suggestions, just story	Lindsay Virginia Hicks, independent contractor and tattooer
no suggestions, just story	Malia Myers, resident, Portland
help for Oregon's cultural organizations	Paul Cosgrove, Cultural Advocacy Coalition
begin accepting driver license renewals either by mail or online	Patrick Snow, retired physician, Hillsboro

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appropriation of grocery stores and warehouse centers	Will Ganschow, affiliation unknown
information from other countries, bipartisanship, technology	Michael Paruch, parent, Silverton
clarity and financial grace/support	Amy Cain, employee laid off from small company
emergency funding to reentry and treatment programs for incarcerated individuals, emergency funding to the Oregon Department of Corrections	Courtney Helstein, ACLU of Oregon
rescind Executive Order 20-04 (greenhouse gas emissions) and redirect those funds	Cynthia Leye Bliss, resident, Happy Valley
emergency funding to the Board of Parole and the Governor's office	Dan Schacher and Annie Schacher, small business owners, Gear-Up, Silverton
release of prisoners and jail inmates, digital options for political activity	Emily von W. Gilbert, affiliation unknown
no request, just story	Megan Carr, resident, Portland
remote administration of oaths, remote/online notary positions, mandatory Oregon Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR) for Oregon court reporters	Robin Nodland, co-owner, LNS Court Reporting & LNS Captioning
mobilize civils servants into doing more than write checks: The National Guard, DHS and OHA staff will need to start doing direct service.	Scott Cooper, Executive Director, NeighborImpact
aid for the Oregon Symphony	Scott Showalter, President & CEO, Oregon Symphony
ask that nonprofit organizations be explicitly eligible for any coronavirus related business relief funding	Shannon Vilhauer, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Oregon
request Committee's advocacy in dealing with unknown long-term effects	Karl Koenig, President, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
laws that deal with deadlines and processes associated with public hearings, public budgeting, and elections	Rob Bovett, Legal Counsel and Interim Legislative Director, Association of Oregon Counties
order all non-essential businesses close their public storefronts; postpone the 2020 Corporate Excise tax	Nick Gates, Gates Home Furnishings and Sleep Center
cease all ICE field operations and publicly state that ICE will not conduct enforcement activities in and around medical facilities, release all persons at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, close the Portland Immigration Court, prioritize transparency in all processes.	Jordan Cunnings, Innovation Law Lab and 45 signatories of Oregon Ready
consider Oregon's artists, designers and freelance community	Kate Blairstone, self-employed small business owner; freelancer
over a dozen recommendations for housing supports, food, transportation, health care, support for incarcerated	Coalition of 29 groups

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individuals, BIPOC, immigrants and refugees, worker protections, family and community supports	
no suggestions, just story	Rebecca Bolstad, accounting specialist
stop daily rental of private owners' homes in Sunriver	Doug Hoschek and Tina Machuca, residents, Sunriver
over a dozen suggestions, including unrestricted operating funding to nonprofits, return kicker in cash form, take all future taxes off the May & November ballots and delay penalties for any recently passed taxes, health care, disaster relief, lease payments, utilities, insurance, outstanding invoices	Laura Edmonds, CEO, North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce
just informational slides, no recommendations	Mitch Daugherty, Built Oregon
go after the real causes and stop this medical monopoly take down of our economic system and our health, stop the lies and fraud on the America public, stop the shutdown	Lucretia Smith, resident, Ashland
no specific request, personal story	Elena DeLeonibus, Portland
release non-violent prisoners to avoid prison infections	Rubi Kaimowitz, affiliation unknown
no specific request, personal story	Andrea Thorsnes, Earl Boyle's elementary
requests to revise public meeting requirements, local budget laws, land use decisions, and public records	Jim McCauley, League of Oregon Cities
potential economic impacts of COVID-19 outbreak; loss of lottery revenue impacts businesses, lottery, and state bonding	Sen. Boquist
safeguarding elections during pandemic	Samantha Gladu, Executive Director, Next Up
include agriculture in "essential services" if required to shelter in place	Dave Dillon, Executive VP, Oregon Farm Bureau
notice before implementing emergency orders so that their restaurant can manage fresh food so it won't spoil	Jana Ritz
temporarily lift restrictions on how transient lodging tax revenue is spent	Bill Baertlein, Chair, Tillamook county Board of Commissioners
revise local budget law during a Governor-declared state of emergency that requires social distancing to allow budget process to proceed with alternative to public meeting	Mark Landauer, Special Districts Association of Oregon; Rob Bovett, Association of Oregon Counties, Jim McCauley, League of Oregon Cities, Randy Tucker, Metro; Lori Sattenspiel, Oregon School Boards Association
include recreational cannabis dispensaries as "essential service"	Oregon Business Collective Andreas Met Halo Labs, Medford Hunter Neubauer, Oregrown Industries, Bend William Hill, Williams Wonder Farms, Grants

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	Pass Carl Carnagey, Juniper Analytics LLC, Bend
moratorium on legal constraints for minimum building enterprise funds for a limited time. ORS 455.210(C)	Rep. Susan McLain
exercise caution toying with existing revenue system	Marcia Kelley Oregon Women's Rights Coalition
allow ag industry to maintain regular operations	Terri Burr Field Department Production Manager Pennington Seed
exempt information technology functions, infrastructure, and delivery and transportation services (including their vendors and those needed to expand delivery through construction of facilities) from shelter-in-place orders as essential business	TechNet, Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), CompTIA, Data Center Coalition, Software & Information Industry Association, Alliance for Digital Innovation, Computer & Communications Industry Association, Internet Association
IBM ready to assist	Fawn Barrie and Kelsey Wilson
include arts and cultural institutions in financial assistance	Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. Executive Director, High Desert Museum
unnecessary stockpiling/hoarding	Andrew Durham, Bend, Oregon
release all juveniles in YCEP/JDEP; release all immigration detainees and close detention centers	Sandra Hernandez-Lomeli, Director, Latinos Unidos Siempre (also Farmworker Housing Development Corp, Causa, Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality, American Friends Service Committee, Capeces Leadership Institute, Salem Democratic Socialists, PCUN, Mano a Mano Family Center, Safe Routes Partnership)
extend 2020 tax filing deadline; postpone small business payroll tax payments; 90-day moratorium on penalties and fees	Ashley Henry, Executive Director, Business for a Better Portland
declare marijuana retailers "essential" and allow them to remain open	Marissa Rodriguez, VP of Compliance and Operations, Sweet Life Distribution
close all non-essential businesses (malls) immediately	Jennifer Brownlee
stop hoarding of supplies; limit shopping hours; shelter-in-place; close all gathering places	Mark Gibbs, RN
recommended budget allocations, administrative adjustments and policies	Alex Cuyler, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager

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measures to enforce social distancing and increase testing	Däv
strategies for helping community members impacted by closures	Mari Schay
closing playgrounds, PDX, and indoor malls and continuing high school through online learning	Elizabeth Moreno
ensure emergency assistance does not affect immigrants subject to public charge rule; include all Oregonians in relief programs	Jenny Lee, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
be inclusive of black, indigenous and communities of color in all responses' provide transportation assistance programs and access to technology; make all information available with translation, interpretation, and live resources and hotlines	Jenny Lee, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
close all non-essential government offices; extend deadlines for items requiring in-person contacts	Reed Anderson, affiliation unknown
chart showing growth in call volume to OHA 211 info line	Dan Herman, Chief Executive Officer, 211 Info
no specific request, personal story	Elena DeLeonibus, Portland
release non-violent prisoners to avoid prison infections	Rubi Kaimowitz, affiliation unknown
no specific request, personal story	Andrea Thorsnes, Earl Boyle's elementary
requests to revise public meeting requirements, local budget laws, land use decisions, and public records	Jim McCauley, League of Oregon Cities
no specific request, personal story	Vaughn Thorsell, service industry employee
initiate universal broadband access immediately, starting in remote communities; extend resources to support needed technology acquisition for rural, coastal, and remote communities, and communities in more developed areas with barriers to technology access; promote BOLI and Business Oregon investments in online job training platforms such as pre-apprenticeships that can help displaced workers	Coalition of Communities of Color, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, PAALF Action Fund, Causa, Verde, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, 350 PDX, Portland Harbor Community Coalition
establish a statewide moratorium of utility disconnections for both investor- and consumer-owned utilities for one year; authorize the PUC to allow differentiated rates based on an income-related threshold that can provide relief for energy-burdened residential ratepayers; require utilities to conduct immediate explorations as to how rate design might help redistribute arrearages and keep bills from piling up; expand Oregon Energy Assistance Program resources to supplement rate design and establish utility bill assistance for small businesses	Coalition of Communities of Color, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, PAALF Action Fund, Causa, Verde, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, 350 PDX,

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prioritized for women- and minority-owned entities; establish a water bill assistance program; require logistical changes to bill collection and accrual including waiving late fees, suspending interest accrual on overdue balances for all utilities, and explore financial viability of bill forgiveness for investor-owned utilities	Portland Harbor Community Coalition
develop a program for transportation assistance or vouchers for essential employees with lower incomes; make public transit systems fareless for the next year	Coalition of Communities of Color, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, PAALF Action Fund, Causa, Verde, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, 350 PDX, Portland Harbor Community Coalition
ensure task forces include significant representation from black, indigenous, and other communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities, tribes, and labor, including farmworkers	Coalition of Communities of Color, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, Community Action Partnership of Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, PAALF Action Fund, Causa, Verde, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, 350 PDX, Portland Harbor Community Coalition
information/Outreach/Communication: invest in community organizations with existing relationships to vulnerable populations to share critical information and help people navigate supports by establishing an emergency fund for nonprofit organizations; invest in a worker and family support hotline that gives people real-time answers in a variety of languages on their rights and information on programs they may qualify for; invest heavily in translation and interpretation support and robust outreach to vulnerable communities	Immigrant Rights Organizations
increase support for incarcerated individuals: ensure the health and safety of staff and impacted community members from the point of initial contact with law enforcement, through incarceration, to release; release of all youth in juvenile detention centers by using the power of parole and commutation; release all persons with non-violent convictions in jails and prisons to reduce the risk of spread in highly-populated prisons	Immigrant Rights Organizations
no specific request, personal story	Sushmita Poddar, small business owner

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