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Please know that we understand you are dealing with issues beyond anything any of us have ever experienced. We send our best to all of you!

Our town of Bandon is being hit terribly hard. Our little motels are experiencing cancellations daily, sometimes for a small 10/15 rooms property up to 20 cancellations per day. The normal rate of occupancy in February was about 70%. Today it's 20% and falling. Our larger hotels are experiencing this x 3 or x 4. As you know our TOT is being impacted radically from that, our city's general budget will be impacted.

Restaurants are closing daily, trying to sustain their overhead by staying open for carry-out. Even if our little town could sustain by the locals purchasing the food, it's impossible to stay profitable. We are totally dependent on tourism. Totally!

We need financial support for our businesses, our business owners/proprietors, their employees, and our city overall.

Thank you,

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