

Dear Co-Chairs Holvey,

As a business owner, I am writing today to share the impacts the current COVID-19 health crisis is having on my business, my employees and my family. I own Lake Oswego Massage Therapy, and we have been a thriving business for 10 years. I have worked very hard to keep the business debt free and in accordance with all healthcare and state laws. This has insured a good place for patients to come receive care from the top massage therapists in the state of Oregon. Our business is based on touch and with a deadly virus circulating we know for the safety of our patients and our therapists that business has to stop now. We are having to go on Hiatus until the Coronavirus passes...it's frustrating and troubling for me and my family, but also for the other therapists that have their livelihoods in this business. I know that massage therapy, and especially my clinic will be key in helping our community recover for years to come from this virus. While we practice social distancing and quarantines right now, also know it will not be long before the massage therapy industry is needed to remind people about the importance of healthy touch! We need to stay in business and I hope that the funding that this state needs comes quickly.

These are hard times for all of us. I encourage you to support our business community as we deal with the astonishing economic disruption that has accompanied this health crisis.

Sincerely,

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