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Subject:

I am a therapist and small business owner. I am writing to express concerns that government will leave me and others like me out of coronavirus relief plans. I made a little over 85k last year on paper. The federal government seems to be pointing to 75k for relief benefits. That 85k i made looks great on paper but means little . I had over 20k in health expenses last year that i couldnt write off. I have over 200k in student loans. I have no spouse or family to lean on. As a business owner, i have no unemployment insurance and large credit debt to get my business started. I have a roommate who ubers at the airport, and continues so she can eat. She had to leave the house to keep my immunity safe so i lost half the rent. Meanwhile business is plummeting. Im not going to make even half of last years numbers at this rate. That 85k i made barely kept me ahead of basic, meager living and i still ended the year with tax debt. I have a lease to pay, in addition to rent, and employees that need to be covered.

Please, dont set an arbitrary number that leaves small businesses out of getting support. We are about to have a whole new population of homelessness if you do.

Please support all small business owners with relief on leases, student loans, and credit debt. Help us weather financial loss by not leaving us out of financial benefits such as the federal financial distributions. Also please remember some of us live in Washington and our businesses are in oregon.

Thank you

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