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Governor Kate Brown  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Brown,

The personal, family, business and public financial impacts of COVID-19 cannot be ignored. We must prevent as much damage as we can, immediately. We are joining with our business community across the state in asking for immediate relief to help all Oregonians, businesses and public entities manage this crisis and keep people employed. There are numerous things our Governor can do including:

- Immediately distribute the \$1.7 billion dollars in kicker money to those who haven't already filed taxes and received it. Put the people's money back into their pockets NOW to help manage household bills and immediate needs.
- Set up a small business crisis hotline to streamline available relief.
- Divert the 2019 corporate kicker money into the Unemployment Insurance Fund to help Oregonians get more immediate relief from job losses.
- Delay Corporate Activity Tax for Quarters 1 and 2 if needed.
- Suspend payroll taxes for small businesses
- Issue tax credits for lost revenue and cancellations to restaurants and lodging facilities who are in crisis.
- Authorize the extension of mandatory tax filing deadlines (President Trump announced a 90-day federal extension).
- Buy back all inventory from schools and restaurants and distribute to food banks and critical community populations.
- Ensure that our trucking and transportation industries are not impacted so they can continue to supply our communities with vital goods.
- Offer tax credits for businesses seeking to retain jobs, offer paid time off and encourage telecommuting.
- Suspend cable internet fees. If the majority of our population is telecommuting and telelearning, let's reduce the barriers to do so.
- Suspend manufacturing restrictions. Yamhill County is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest manufacturing county in the State of Oregon, we need to make sure they can adjust without unnecessary regulations right now.
- Reverse the \$5 million recently allocated to the cap and trade taxing scheme and put that money into the real crises we are facing right now.

We urge you to consider all these things and more in order to protect Oregonians and to sustain businesses and families during this crisis.

Respectfully,

Casey Kulla  
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