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Governor Kate Brown
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Brown,

During this unprecedented shock to our health care system and businesses, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners strongly supports reforms to the unemployment insurance system as part of a comprehensive, on-going state and federal economic response to the global coronavirus pandemic, including:

- Making unemployment available immediately – meaning no waiting period.
- Making unemployment full compensation, not a percentage of their regular pay.


With many of our county's residents suffering the surge of coronavirus-related layoffs, they need these strong and direct changes to the system. Please consider these two simple but powerful steps. Our county and our state depend upon your quick, decisive and comprehensive actions that balance the many needs of many groups.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter,

Respectfully,



Casey Kulla
Chair



Mary Starrett
Vice-Chair



Richard L. "Rick" Olson
Commissioner

cc: Coronavirus Economic Response Task Force