

To the Oregon Joint Special Committee in Coronavirus Response,

It has come to my attention that as the policy for COVID-19 relief stands, many workers who are unable to work because of the Corona Virus will continue to be ineligible for unemployment benefits. Please make sure the following workers get the help they need:

1. Gig and contract workers
2. Workers who were unemployed prior to the COVID-19 crisis and do not qualify to start a new claim until they receive 4X what their allotted weekly claim benefit would have been had they qualified for unemployment. These workers continue to be unemployed as work is now impossible to find due to the COVID-19 crisis.

I know during this time of crisis there are a lot of things to consider. I just wanted to point out this hole in the COVID protections because there are many people who could be left behind if this doesn't get addressed. Thank you for all the hard work you guys are doing to take care of/protect our community.

Sincerely,

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