

Dear Co-Chairs Holvey,

As a non-profit, I am writing today to share the impacts the current COVID-19 health crisis is having on our non-profit, our employees and most importantly, those we serve

Within a five day window we lost all of our contracted general public events that were to be held at our 22 acre and 9 building facility in Sandy OR. This amounted to over \$50,000 that would be used to cover operational expenses. These expenses supported our mission of helping ensure those with blindness and low vision received services, support and assistive devices to maintain or in many instances enhance the quality of life, for those whose lives were devastated by a diagnosis of any type of vision loss. Without funding (which includes the rental of our property) we are facing a "lifeline" that has been cut off to those in desperate need. We have taken all possible cuts to costs but will run out of operational funds by mid-April. Not sure what more we can do besides closing the doors. An unimaginable thought. I called the Small Business Emergency Loan phone number but Oregon is not listed as an approved state to receive loans. How can we get on the approved list?

Sincerely,

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