## To whom it may concern —

I am a small business owner in Portland, Oregon. I'm self-employed and have no employees. I depend on a small but steady community of clients — all who are currently experiencing the impact of the corona pandemic on their lives and livelihoods.

I am writing to request the consideration of a grant program for small business owners similar to unemployment. I am certain that financial support will be essential to me and my colleagues who don't have the backing of organizations (or sick-time, paid vacation or any other buffers) and will feel the impact of this global pandemic.

Financial assistance will be essential to support small businesses to continue to pay for rent, food, bills, as well as bounce back from this experience and continue to serve our communities by keeping our businesses open and thriving.

Please consider proactive and wide-reaching solutions for the vibrant small business community in this state. We need your support so we can continue to serve our communities and contribute to our local economies.

Thank you for your consideration,

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