

Dear Joint Special Committee on Coronavirus Response,

Below are issues that have already been discussed in community calls and in Committee. I am writing to amplify the thoughts and concerns from local officials and leaders in my district.

City of Hillsboro: There is concern about the burden to individuals and businesses if new relief loans and grants are taxed. Is there discussion around taxing structure or loan forgiveness for any relief loans and grants?

Forest Grove and Cornelius Chamber of Commerce:

- The Chamber of Commerce is concerned about accessing federal small business loans. I understand that Oregon's application to be eligible was just accepted. How can I assist them in accessing these dollars?
- Mortgage and rent relief continues to be a top concern for leaders in my district. Especially the need for any program for mortgages and rent payments to be coordinated.

Landscaping Companies: Although the Governor has said that a shelter-in-place order is not imminent, and she is hopeful that it won't come to that point, landscaping companies in my district are concerned none the less. They consider themselves essential services, and hope to be included as such in any future order. There is concern from landscaping companies about the outsized economic toll of shutting down business and allowing property values and upkeep to go down, as well as the safety and sanitation risk.

Tuality Healthcare: I recently heard from one of my chambers that Tuality Healthcare has been soliciting donations from local businesses to assist with Coronavirus response. Have you heard about OHSU and affiliates soliciting such donations?

Sincerely,

Representative Susan McLain

House District 29: Hillsboro, Cornelius, Forest Grove