

Dear Co-Chairs Holvey and Roblan,

As a business owner in Eugene, Oregon, I am writing today to share the impacts the current COVID-19 health crisis is having on my business, my employees and my family.

Our medical practice specializes in Vision, Medical, and Surgical Eye Care. Except for essential care to prevent harm to patients we've had to dramatically reduce our hours of operation resulting in extreme disruption in revenue without offsets in fixed and most variable costs.

Please support the State Chamber of Commerce requests:

<https://chambermaster.blob.core.windows.net/userfiles/UserFiles/chambers/2053/CMS/Documents/Business-Needs-in-Response-to-COVID-19-FINAL-3-18-version---6.pdf>

In particular, I would ask that the CAT be put on hold. This tax is **abusive** to medical practices who are paid at rates set Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). Thus, the CAT tax is another income tax on most physicians in the state who are self employed.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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