

Hello,

Thank you for working so hard to address this crisis in our state.

I am an Intel retiree and both my children work at Intel, but I believe it is unfair to allow large manufacturers to require employees to come to work when there is no telecommute option, and close down a majority of child care and other services in response to a contagious health crisis. While it might be good for the economy and the owners and stockholders of those businesses to be able to keep building stuff, the employees doing the manufacturing work are stuck in situations where they are choosing between the welfare and health safety in their family or going to work to maintain their employment. Many of those companies, like Nike and Intel, are in the best situation to offer salary continuity and health insurance to employees even when closed down. You can't argue that tires or athletic apparel is an essential product that is needed during a health crisis.

I'd also like to emphasize the importance of small businesses getting economic relief during the shut down. Their lease payments are still due. They still have health insurance payments, or reduced business to cover their payrolls. Oregon is truly dependent on our small businesses and their survival. A loan program really doesn't cut it when they are barely supporting themselves when business is normal.

Thanks for listening.

All the best,

Susan Andrews