

Dear Salem Reps and Senators of the Oregon Joint Committee on the Virus
bcc: My neighbors:

I watched much of your meeting of the Oregon Legislature live stream today. March 23rd I created a google doc that lawmakers can share with voters and non voters : The google doc (below) has the link to the next meeting March 24th. I suggest we make that live stream more public.

1) I object to funding corporations. I request you remove "hardest hit" from the language of your work and remove it from any proposed legislation. Remove the 25% loss wording. Each business that receives any extra relief or funding should be evaluated on the public good and in public transparency.

We have many big and small businesses who do not pay workers compensation that is fair, and no matter how hard they are hit in the virus, they do not deserve any rewards of any type. There are more sustainable businesses to fill the same needs that are worthy of benefits from the state of Oregon in many forms (tax credits, loans, grants)

2) I request that the state make immediate requests to people and businesses as follows

a) Students need internet, and they need internet which is not pay per gig. If you are a business that makes any profit from connecting people to the internet make that free to everyone who is below an income of 100k per household. Keep collecting data on that and over the next 12 months the state will reimburse you \$30 a month per low or middle income household you keep connected to the internet. The state will pay \$40 if that is a family with a student in the age range of K-12 or College. The internet should be free, as water should be free. They can be regulated to avoid over use. Sprint had free devices offered in small numbers in some counseling offices. That Sprint program has run out. [Link here](#)

b) People must not burn wood of any type unless you have no other heat source. This is more important near urban areas or if you have neighbors who might be over 50. Everyone over 50 or with a respiratory condition is at much higher risk. Portland was hit with 2 days of toxic air March 21/22 and wood was the only source. Data from the PSU climate lab [here](#)

3) these comments (mailed to jscvr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov) are public record, and I'd like to know what everyone is sending you. You can remove the email names of senders. I'd prefer my email address not be made public. My name is Joe Rowe. This sharing of public comments is only fair and transparent given the closed off nature we must now endure.

Thank you for your service, Signed, Joe Rowe

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here is the google doc with video feed:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BQ6AVvhHtYLD1nj_X4sTTBh3iv8qj4cMul0KnagnxIA/edit?usp=sharing