

To Those Whom it May Concern:

We need more than ever to support small businesses and farms. The big companies that are able to weather this storm don't need any more of a leg up than they already have. What will keep us strong is supporting small companies that support our local communities and work with integrity, not big corporations that are interested in their bottom line and cutting corners. Now is the time to shift money downward.

I am hearing airlines and manufacturers crying about needing a bailout because they are seeing fewer people flying. This includes Boeing, a company whose negligence and prioritization of profits over people led to numerous deaths in its new faulty airplane, the Boeing MAX. These are exactly the types of companies who do NOT need a bailout, no matter how much they arrogantly think their lobby dollars entitle them to it.

I suggest, amongst other things, a grant to small/new businesses, a moratorium on insurance payments for small restaurants, and unemployment checks to their employees, whether officially laid off or not. With uncertainty on how long they much remain closed, many of these businesses aren't sure if they can ever reopen, nor if they can staff with needed people. A company like Amazon, who is hiring like gangbusters (100k workers to meet the increased demand for online ordering) will probably just fire all these people again when things return to "normal". For many small businesses, they aren't sure when that's going to happen. Let's help them weather the storm!

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