

For those of us unemployed and only eligible through PUA, the wait has been overlong. Despite being unemployed since the 2nd week in March, the PUA application didn't become available to Oregon until April 28. Six weeks later. So my claim is only a month old, and not likely to receive attention anytime soon. I am now looking at being unemployed for close to 3 months total, with no end in sight. Every day I am by my cell phone waiting for a call or checking my email for something that never comes.

This entire thing is a travesty. Americans deserve to get the relief they need. Many are facing starvation and homelessness solely due to the incompetence of the Oregon Employment Department. They are so bad they can't even let us know they have received an application or give us a time frame. Really?

In today's age when everyone is Zooming, Microsofting groups, etc it's impossible to believe OED couldn't have partnered with someone intelligent enough to bring their programming skills and technology to bear on the problem.

In my opinion, lawmakers and Kay Erickson are directly responsible. She should have to live with the uncertainty for months on end with no money to survive.

Find someone who can assume leadership and get them moving, please!!!!

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