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Good morning -

My name is Max Wedding, a constituent of Representative Jeff Reardon's district (though I heard about this opportunity to provide a letter from Rep. Bynum's facebook page, so I'm copying her office here as well).

I work at Clackamas Community College as a project manager, and I am deeply worried about not just the immediate needs of Oregonians and our health, but also the future of our institutions. I'm working to do my part and stay home as much as possible while also serving our students. However, our college - like many others around the state - is already facing an immense budget crisis. I fear that this will only worsen as the coronavirus crisis spreads as well.

I fear that we will begin to hemorrhage enrollment starting next term. I fear that all of our legs of revenue will be slashed. I fear that the long-term effects of this will be staggering. And I fear for my job as well as others' in the institution.

I hope that, as you consider the short-term coronavirus response, that ideas for long-term revitalization and investment efforts in our public higher education institutions also begin to make their way into the conversation. Our enrollment always responds to economic trends, and as we approach the precipice of recession, I fear that we will lose our resources before seeing immense student need begin to knock on our doors again. We provide a critical resource for the community in our district as well as the greater Portland metro area in times of uncertainty and change. I hope we are able to continue to do so to a high quality standard in the critical months and years ahead of us.

I do not envy the work of this committee, its membership, and every level of state and institutional leadership. I commend the work that you all are doing, and I know that information about all of this is changing rapidly. Please know that you are very appreciated for the solemn work you all are undertaking in addition to the fear you must have for your own families, communities, and neighbors.

Thank you for your time.

Cheers,

Max