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Subject: Please prioritize most affected businesses/workers/people and push for co-benefits of any investments
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Dear Joint Special Committee on Coronavirus Response,

I am writing to request that you please:

1. Prioritize most affected businesses/workers/people. The shut down of daily life is affecting restaurants/bars, music venues, artists, freelancers, nail salons, massage places etc. and it is having reverberating impacts. Please target bailout and stimulus money to these people and to Oregon's small businesses, first and foremost. They have the biggest Local Multiplier Impact and fewer other options. Chain stores and big companies will rebound, but we also want the businesses that make Oregon special, and are owned by Oregonians, to rebound. Meanwhile, workers need to pay their bills and access food. We can imagine how many people will become homeless if people cannot their bills. Make sure food security is a top priority, too.

2. Push for co-benefits of any investments. Please use this opportunity to think about how each Oregon dollar spent can have multiple positive benefits both in the short term and long-term, e.g. in terms of the multiplier effect in Oregon but also in terms of environmental and social sustainability. We need to be building resilience not just for this immediate issue, but in the face of looming issues like climate change, environmental destruction, and the growing income gap and poverty as well.

Thank you.

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