Good morning,

I second the call from Representative Diego Hernandez:

We need to go beyond rent freezes and eviction moratoriums. We need to suspend rent, mortgages, and utility payments until this pandemic is no longer a pandemic. (All of our small businesses will go out of business if we are not careful.)

We need to take care of workers/families/low-income people, especially those that fall between the cracks of unemployment and sick leave. We need cash assistance for people on food stamps. We need to make sure we take care of our most vulnerable, undocumented communities/day laborers, the people who live in the streets, as well as those most directly impacted by the virus/disease. We need to see these actions from our federal, state and local governments. It is not time to bail out Wall Street, we need to bail out Main Street.

This pandemic has highlighted how we lack a true comprehensive safety net. With supply chains disrupted, panic/hoarding impacting supply, we need to make sure Americans/Oregonians feel and are secure financially and health wise. We can do this by alleviating financial woes to those who don't have, what should be a right, the privilege of a safety net.

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead