

Dear Committee Chairs,

My husband and I were born in Oregon. We have lived here almost all of our lives. My husband is a 4th generation Oregonian and our two children are 5th generation. I'm looking at the Oregon I knew and the one I see now and it is a startlingly dark contrast. We are being publicly shamed for not wearing masks in stores while being praised for burning our own town down. My children are being forced to isolate themselves over a virus that has a 0.0% risk of death for them. My husbands work is being furloughed, facing budget cuts, and might not make it into 2021.

At what point do we realize that the lockdown is causing more harm than the virus ever could? We need to be able to make decisions for ourselves and our families. We are not all in this together. We are individuals who have different life goals, employment situations, immune system function, and vastly different economic histories. A one size fits all lock down is not the answer. We need to follow science, not political agendas.

Please bring back my Oregon.

Sincerely,
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