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Dear Leaders:

Like many businesses, my biggest issue right now is liquidity, and disconnecting from the CARES Act harms businesses like mine who are just trying to make ends meet by taking money when I need it most. You are taking away one of the few tools we have to try and stay afloat.

If Oregon disconnects from the CARES Act, not only are you are harming thousands of local businesses, you are harming the integrity of the federal bipartisan legislation. In the middle of a pandemic, and the worst downturn since the Great Depression, we must prioritize consensus solutions and stop this partisan move by the Legislature. My ability to recover from this pandemic depends on your support, and LC 2 will only make it harder to come back from this crisis.

Sincerely,

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