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**To:** [LRO](#)  
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Dear Chair Nathanson,

Dear Governor, State Representatives and State Senators,

I am a native Oregonian and proud part of this great state. In addition, I employ 12 Oregonians with benefits and retirement. As we recover from the economic disaster of Covid -19, additional tax burden will force me to reduce my employee number, further burdening the State of Oregon. COVID-19 has cost me 25% of my annual sales as of August 01, 2020. If our small business is to continue to survive in the State of Oregon, every dollar in sales need to stay in my business.

As the crisis evolves and riots continue in my great state, I begin to question if staying in Oregon is best for my business and family.

Please do not pass this increase in taxes.

Sincerely,  
Michael D Cary DMD

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted my business enormously. My sales are down because of the government-ordered shut down. I understand why we did that, but the truth is that I have struggled to keep staff and recover from the shut down. Disconnecting from the federal CARES Act will only make it worse for my family and my business.

Congress passed the bipartisan CARES Act to help struggling businesses, those who adhered to shut down orders or saw a steep decline in sales. This partisan move by the Oregon Legislature isn't right, and it will make it harder for businesses to put people back to work.

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. What I need right now is help from leaders like you. I can't believe you are considering something like the CARES Act disconnect in LC 2, which will cost me cash when I need it most.

Please support local businesses, and maintain the integrity of the federal CARES Act relief in Oregon. My ability to recover from this pandemic depends on support from the state legislature, and LC 2 will only make it harder to come back from this crisis.

Sincerely,

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