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900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Co-Chairs Courtney and Kotek and Emergency Board Members:

We write today to request your support for allocating additional Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to local governments and their community partners throughout the state.

To date, only \$200 million of the \$1.38 billion in CRF received by the state has been allocated to those of us working at the local level to address the crises in our communities from the COVID-19 virus. Many important investments have been made by the Emergency Board, including most recently investments made for Emergency Business Assistance, Statewide Business and Cultural Support, and Black Relief and Resiliency. And important investments in contact tracing and PPE are proposed for today's meeting.

But the ability to make community-level investments has been stifled by a lack of resources. A second distribution of state-provided CRF funds to local governments and their community partners is needed.

The City of Bend has been allotted \$2.6 million of the first \$200 million towards local needs. \$600,000 will be used to address qualifying city costs. \$2 million will be allocated to partner agencies including the Bend Chamber, NeighborImpact and United Way of Central Oregon.

These represent critical investments for our community and are being made in collaboration at the local level, just as is happening in neighboring Central Oregon communities and throughout the state. But we estimate the economic impact of COVID-19 to Bend businesses alone at \$16-40 million dollars. The public health needs are harder to quantify, but also massive. And the additional costs and loss of revenue to the City of Bend are likely over \$10 million for the current budget cycle, which represents 20% of our previously projected general fund revenue.

We ask that you please make additional allocations expeditiously to support our local efforts and local needs. We're running out of time to provide assistance to our communities that is needed now.



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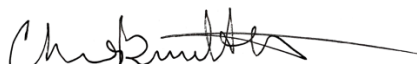
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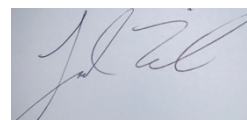
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