

Hi, Samantha,

I understand that there will be testimony on Thursday from people who are experiencing frustration with the treatment from the Unemployment Insurance program here in Oregon.

Like many, I experienced unemployment for the first time in 45 years as a result of the pandemic. Like many, for some reason I do not qualify for Oregon UI insurance (I am retired, receiving PERS benefits).

Like many, I applied for unemployment benefits in March and then, when I was denied benefits, I applied for PUA in May.

Like many, I am still waiting for processing – after five months! – to receive the FEDERAL benefits to which I am confident I qualify.

Like many, I know of others in similar situations, who ARE getting benefits.

Like many, I have tried to contact every possible person, State Representatives, Senators, Governor's office, US Senators and Congressmen, and many more. I get no responses.

Like many, I have not been able to reach anybody in the OED office – even calling hundreds of times and trying to email people in the OED.

NO, ALL CLAIMS HAVE NOT BEEN PROCESSED! NO, THINGS ARE NOT GETTING BETTER. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

To be truthful, I am not personally suffering financially, as I have a generous PERS pension, but I have been teaching since retirement to earn money to make contributions and to support my volunteer activities. I am not suffering, but the causes to which I donate all my salary to are suffering. These people and organizations need the money I used to give.

Is this appropriate for the testimony on Thursday? If so, please submit or let me know what I can do.

Thanks.

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