

Hello

I am a self-employed massage therapist living in Portland, OR. Most of my work was as an independent contractor for a hospice organization. Due to Covid-19 I am no longer allowed to enter facilities to provide massage. The CARES act and Oregon's PUA program provided a livable wage for several months and it was greatly appreciated. I was one of the lucky ones who only had to wait about 8 weeks for payments from OED to start. I know so many more who are either still waiting or, like me, are waiting to get our full benefits since OED has been paying out only the minimum when many of us are owed more. My job will return when this is over but we need help in the meantime.

The \$300 for a few weeks promised by the President, will put a thin bandaid on things, but it is far from sufficient. We need your help to pay our bills, our rents and mortgages, and to feed our families. Many of us don't have savings to live off of because we work low-paying jobs. There is nowhere else to turn. If you don't fix this NOW, you will see a cascade of miserable consequences that will end up being far more speedy in the long-run.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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