

Hello, my name is Ray kelley and I am here to say that Oregon's current unemployment system is abhorrent, I applied for benefits in April and I have been waiting 20 weeks with no phone call, no check and no response from the department whatsoever.

This is truley a very big problem, people need their money to survive and pay their bills, buy food, medicine and live off of.

The employment department has not done enough to get payments out to people and the wait is killing Oregonians, many have filed for pandemic assistance in addition to regular unemployment insurance benefits, after being told by the department they would be paid "while they wait" for their application to be processed, this is a LIE!!!..they are not doing this, so they need to stop telling people they can get paid while they wait.

This is totally unacceptable and Oregon needs to step up and hire more people for both processing and adjudicating claims as well as upgrading their phone system to handle all the influx of what I would think would be alot of angry, unpaid people.

Thank You for your time,

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