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I filed unemployment under the newly established 1099 option. My application dated 4 29 20

I had one phone call AFTER being put on a list by Representative Boshart Davis when she announced by social media she was attempting to help those of us that had not heard, had trouble etc. That was July.

I have to date received another call AFTER filling in a on line help form I found many levels deep in the web site. That call informed me my claim could not be accepted as I also had work hours and have to file against an employer before I can file against my 1099 earnings – never explained in any format by the State of OR nor the first phone call.

The female employee that made contact because of my on line form is attempting to move my application forward but to date 5 months later, I have received ZERO financial help during the worst economy and the delays have had serious impacts on my life.

Oregon owes its citizens better than this. The countless hours I've spent on hold never to be answered. If the State of Oregon goal was to get us to give up, goal accomplished Oregon. You should be so embarrassed it was more important to establish environmental programs than help citizens.

The final slap in my face was hearing Kate Brown wanted to expedite State workers ahead of citizens that have been waiting 5 months plus. Where are the new computers that the system could have been updated? I saw the money was issued for that cause years ago.

I don't trust the government any longer and do not believe the excuses they offer. It is horrible to allow this to happen. Heartless, cruel unsympathetic abuse to citizens of Oregon.

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