



Dear President Courtney, Speaker Kotek, and Oregon Legislative Emergency Board,

On behalf of the Black Indigenous People of Color Caucus (BIPOC), we are writing to request the Emergency Board fund the \$10 million dollars as part of the 46 million dollar package to the Oregon Worker Relief Fund System to better serve Oregon's diverse small business community - in particular, Oregon's Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) holders and undocumented and mixed-status small business owners.

Throughout the pandemic, Oregonians have been struggling to adapt and make ends meet, this is especially true for our diverse small business owners such as ITIN holders, undocumented, and mixed-status Oregonians. These are some of the many communities that have been largely excluded from federal grants and CARES funding. As the E-Board analyzes the most immediate community needs, we respectfully request that you consider solutions through an equity lens that takes into account concerns around the *public charge*, which has prevented many families from accessing the resources we have allocated. We as elected officials must increase capacity where our federal delegation has lacked, this means directing funding to programs that have the infrastructure and experience in culturally appropriate outreach - this includes the Oregon Worker Relief Fund System.

With the COVID-19 vaccine becoming more widely available, the light at the end of the tunnel is visible, but still far. In the meantime, we must continue to hold our diverse communities close, and analyze who benefits from our decision-making. We can only overcome this pandemic together, and this includes uplifting communities when they need it most.

Sincerely,

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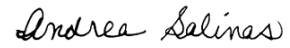
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