

Dear Co-Chairs Kotek and Courtney,

My name is Brad Preble, and I operate Carr Auto Group in Beaverton, Oregon. I really want you to know that I support an amendment to HB 4212 that would provide temporary and targeted liability protections to entities that are adhering to state and federal public health guidelines and rules to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure.

Governor Brown's executive orders have flattened the curve, but the rapidly changing regulatory environment also has created immense liability and uncertainty for both public and private sector employers. I am very worried that even though we are following state and federal guidelines, we are still at risk of a lawsuit from a customer or employee saying we didn't go far enough.

In fact, I suspect our business could actually be a target for some of the predatory attorneys in our area. One of these lawsuits would cripple my business...and it's already been tough to keep my doors open in these challenging economic times. We have all taken a big hit to our finances and the increased costs associated with protecting our employees and customers in this COVID environment has only made it harder to operate.

I am asking for something simple: please amend HB 4212 to include language like this:

"A person or entity acting in good faith shall not be subject to civil damages resulting from acts or omissions that complied with an executive order or regulation or were in accordance with guidance regarding COVID-19, unless damages result from the person or entity's gross negligence or from the person or entity's reckless, wanton or intentional misconduct. This section applies to all causes of action that accrue during the complete duration of the COVID-19 emergency declaration, EO 20-03 issued March 9, 2020."

Please do not leave my business and others like it exposed to unnecessary legal risk!

I appreciate your leadership on this important issue and I trust that you will help take care of those of us who are trying to do the right thing.

Thank you,

Brad Preble

President

Carr Auto Group