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Joint Interim Committee On The First Special Session of 2020  
Oregon State Capital  
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Re: OPPOSE -11, -31, -38 Amendments to HB4212 – blanket immunity to all corporations

Dear Senate President Courtney, Speaker Kotek, and members of the committee,

I'm writing in strong opposition to the [-11](#), [-31](#), and [-38](#) Amendments to HB4212 – and any other similar amendments that would grant blanket immunity to any “individual, corporation, association, firm, partnership, limited liability company, joint stock company or public body” for any acts or omissions related to COVID-19 so long as the person complies with guidance from the Governor or a state agency.

This grant is way too broad – and puts the entire onus of public protection from COVID-19 on the government of the State of Oregon.

These amendments would require the State of Oregon to comprehensively document “guidance” on any possible measure that any corporation or person in any activity would need to take to protect their workers and the public from COVID-19. Even if the corporation or person knew that a step or activity specific to their line of business would make a big difference in protecting their employees, consumers, or the general public, they would be under no obligation to take that step unless the State of Oregon had specifically foreseen it and written guidance on it.

That is “big government” run amok in the worst possible way.

The amendments apply to every line of business or activity – health care, schools, shops, transportation – everything. And yet they were developed without the participation of any impacted consumers or members of the public.

I urge this committee to oppose these Amendments (-11, -31, -38) to HB4212.

Any further discussion about immunity should include consumer and public representatives.

Sincerely,

/s

Paul Terdal