

The 116th Congress
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 19, 2020

Jovita Carranza
SBA Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, SW
Washington DC, 20416

Dear Administrator Carranza:

We write today requesting immediate and affirmative action on behalf of the State of Oregon's request to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to implement a Small Business Administrative declaration providing assistance in the form of SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for all counties within the State of Oregon.

The State of Oregon has issued several Executive Orders aimed at social distancing measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These measures, including the prohibition of groups of 25 or more for four weeks; prohibiting dine-in eating in restaurants and bars for at least four weeks; and closing schools through April 28th, 2020 impact businesses in every county of our great state. In this unprecedented time, swift and decisive action by the SBA will help provide small businesses with access to capital in a timely manner. We cannot stress enough that the timeliness of this declaration is critical to help Oregon small businesses survive in this extraordinary environment.

We appreciate the SBA's leadership in supporting small business in the United States and thank you for your consideration of our request for immediate approval of Oregon's request.

Sincerely,



KURT SCHRADER
Member of Congress



RON WYDEN
U.S. Senator



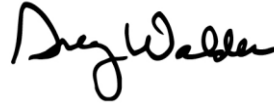
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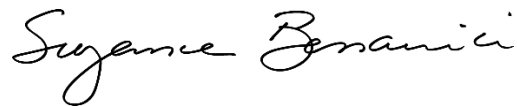
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