



August 11, 2020

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Har Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

We write to you as a coalition of Washington County Chambers of Commerce committed to supporting the economic recovery of our business community that was impacted to a level that we have never seen with the Stay Home Stay Healthy orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are asking you to join Representatives Filemon Vela (D-TX-34) and Lance Gooden (R-TX-05), authors of the **Small Business Comeback Act**, in supporting **HR 7671**. As members of the Save Small Business Coalition (SSBC) and America’s Recovery Fund Coalition (ARFC), our organizations are proud to support this effort, which will create a Recovery Fund and give American businesses much-needed stability as they continue to navigate the ongoing pandemic.

Through a direct grant program with strong oversight and anti-corruption guardrails, the **Small Business Comeback Act** will allow businesses to retain and rehire employees, continue to provide benefits including health care, pay rent, local, and state taxes, and meet certain debt obligations. This will allow businesses to weather the pandemic, keep American workers employed, and preserve the health and livelihoods of communities across the United States, regardless of business structure or employment type.

Together our organizations represent thousands of small businesses, each of which has their own unique story and deserves an equally tailored federal solution to ensure their doors remain open. Small businesses are the backbone of America and many are on the precipice of an unrecoverable situation. Small businesses were forced to close to ensure the safety of our community and cannot recover without some form of business continuity funding. The long-term impacts to their employees, families, business owners and the trickle effect through our economy will create irreparable harm if we don’t band together as a country and get them the economic help they need. The Small Business Comeback Act will provide the funding relief our businesses need as they navigate a drastically altered business landscape.

Thank you for your consideration and all you do to support our region in Washington, D.C.



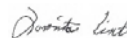
Ray Deeth  
Executive Director  
Banks Chamber of  
Commerce



Lorraine Clarno  
President/CEO  
Beaverton Chamber  
of Commerce



Deanna Palm  
President/CEO  
Hillsboro Chamber  
of Commerce



Juanita Lint  
Executive Director  
Forest Grove/Cornelius  
Chamber of Commerce



Russ Sheldon  
President  
North Plains  
Chamber of Commerce



Debi Mollahan  
CEO  
Tigard Chamber  
of Commerce



Linda Moholt  
President/CEO  
Tualatin Chamber  
of Commerce



Corey Kearsley  
Executive Director  
Sherwood Chamber  
of Commerce



Kevin Ferrasci O'Malley  
CEO  
Wilsonville Chamber  
of Commerce