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Oregon's Democrats in DC Putting Politics Ahead of Devastated Businesses and Workers

Oregon GOP Demands Wyden, Merkley, Bonamici, Blumenauer, Defazio & Schrader Fund PPP ASAP

Salem, OR – The Oregon Republican Party released a statement today demanding Oregon Democrats in DC stop the partisan political games and immediately fund the depleted Paycheck Protection Program to save our state's businesses and workers.

"Democrats are putting politics ahead of saving our state's businesses and workers devastated by COVID-19 by refusing to add emergency funds to the Paycheck Protection Program," stated Oregon Republican Chairman Bill Currier. "This vital program ran out of money this past week and is the only safety net preventing widespread, massive job losses until Governor Kate Brown reopens Oregon's economy for business."

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was overwhelmingly approved by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Trump into law on March 27th in order to provide forgivable loans if businesses can keep their workers employed during the economic shutdown to combat the spread of COVID-19, which is preventing these businesses from operating and earning revenue.

As a result of the dire and worsening impact of this shutdown, the \$349 Billion originally passed by Congress to fund the PPP were used up as of this past Thursday. An urgent request by the Trump Administration to replenish the PPP fund with an additional \$250 Billion has been blocked by Congressional Democrats who instead want to fulfill their partisan wish list by adding hundreds of billions of non-emergency spending and to make sweeping changes to election law, even while businesses collapse and unemployment numbers swell across the nation.

"We are urging Oregonians of all political backgrounds from all parts of our state to contact Oregon's Democrats and demand that the exploitation of Oregon's economic tragedy for political purposes end and that funds be added to PPP ASAP. Please contact them today."

Senator Jeff Merkley 202-224-3753

Senator Ron Wyden 202-224-5244

CD1 Cong. Suzanne Bonamici 202-225-0855

CD3 Cong. Earl Blumenauer 202-225-4811

CD4 Cong. Peter Defazio 202-225-6416

CD5 Cong. Kurt Schrader 202-225-5711

"This is not a time for partisan politics as usual. It's a time to end the 'Pelosi layoffs' and unite behind the COVID-19 emergency efforts to save lives and save our economy from ruin."

The Oregon Republican Party is the state's arm of the Republican National Committee. Its Chairman and officers are dedicated to promoting Republican principles within the state of Oregon and to improving the lives and livelihoods of Oregon's working families through economic freedom and equal protection under the law.

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