



April 15, 2020

Dear Clackamas County Finance Department,

I operate the Best Western Rivershore Hotel at 1900 Clackamette Dr., Oregon City, OR 97045. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a devastating effect on my hotel, my associates, my family and my community, we employed 32 citizens and taxpayers who you have a duty and responsibility to represent and to ensure their best interests are protected – to include their employment opportunities.

My hotel has always supported this community as a driver of revenue, employment and local business activity. Additionally, regarding taxes, I have always paid them as a responsible businessperson. I recognize the need to support our local commerce, infrastructure and my fellow citizens.

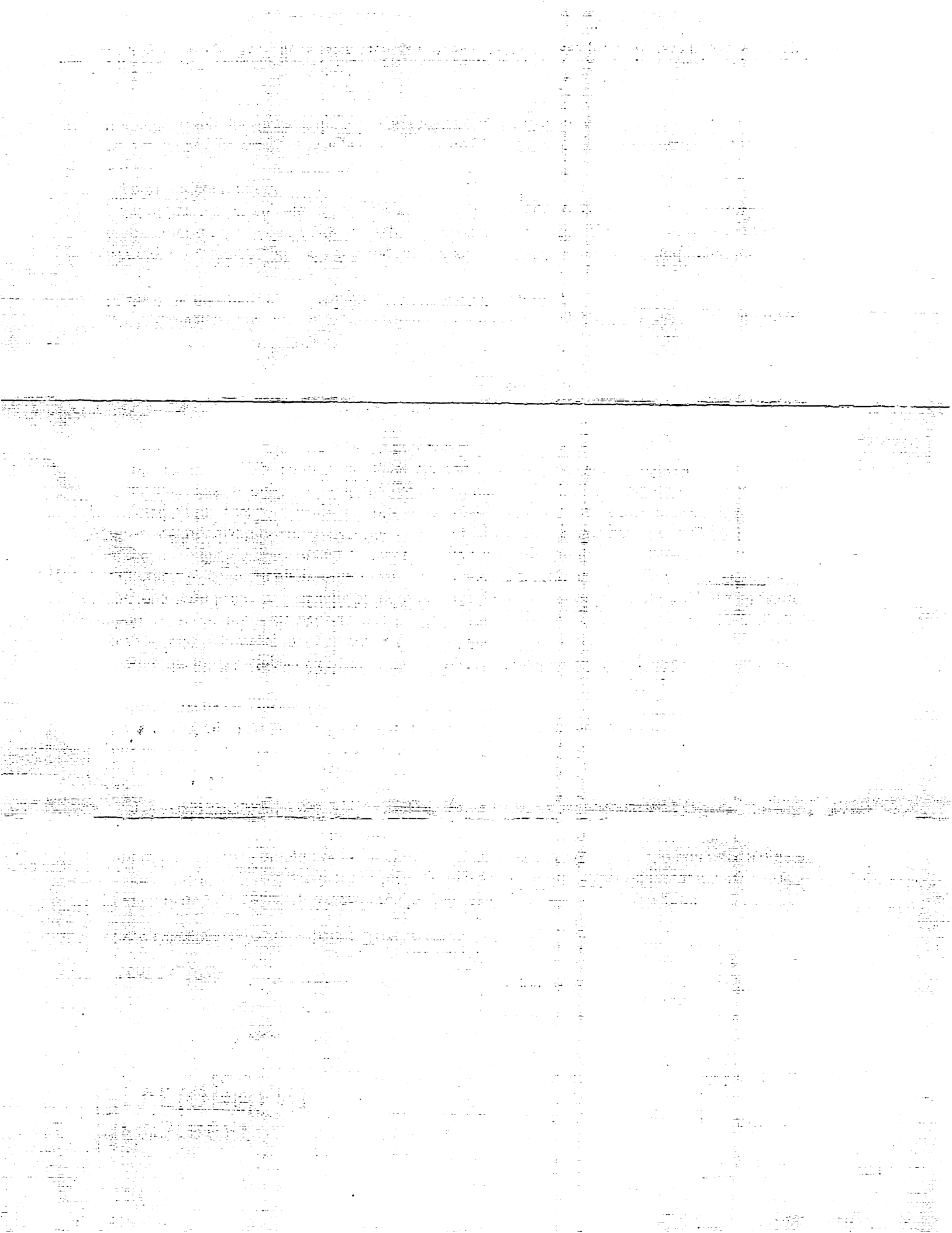
Noting the terrible impact COVID-19 has had on the hospitality industry and my hotel, I am respectfully requesting that you waive the remittance of Transient Room Tax and grant those funds to my hotel for the period April 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020. Waiving this tax will help ensure the long-term health and sustainability of the area's diverse lodging community. It will allow our hotels to maintain operations, even if at a reduce capacity, that will enable us to employ associates. Their employment is a benefit to the community in that it reduces the number of those seeking unemployment benefits – allowing others to take advantage of a system already stressed by the ever-increasing number of unemployed who are in desperate need of financial assistance. Just as importantly, doing the right thing and waiving this tax during the crisis will allow our associates to continue to work while holding their heads high with dignity and honor as we continue to fight this terrible scourge together.

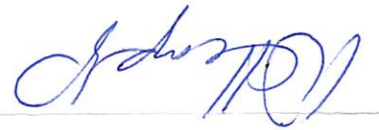
A person's self-worth and dignity are worthy of your attention and action.

My hotel wants to do its part in supporting the fight against this terrible virus by continuing to do business in the community. But your hoteliers need your help.

My request is simple, please waive the remittance of Transient Room Tax and grant those funds to my hotel for the period April 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020. It is the right thing to do for the greater good of our community and those who need your help – your citizens who want to work and support our community.

As a hotelier who wants to be a part of our business community for years to come, I am available if you have any questions at the following telephone number and email address:





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Sincerely,

Thank you for considering this humble request. It is the right thing to do for the greater good.

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