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Honorable Governor Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Re: Request for Stay at Home Order

Honorable Governor Brown:

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC) represents the mayors of 25 cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. As you are, the mayors of the MMC are united in their concern about the impacts of the coronavirus crisis on the health and safety of our residents. To that end, **the MMC requests that you take immediate action to enact a statewide "Stay at Home" order to help protect Oregonians from the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

While cities are on the leading edge of this crisis, and we all feel urgency to act, we know that public health measures are most effective at scale—statewide action is best. The Mayors of the MMC have been in conversation about the need to act, aggressively and urgently, to slow the spread—and slow the damage—of COVID-19 in our communities. We are grateful to you and your administration for all the steps you have already taken to respond to this crisis, and we believe that a statewide Stay at Home order is necessary to protect all members of our communities, especially those most vulnerable to the virus.

We ask that the Stay at Home order you enact be designed to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible while enabling essential services to continue by these guidelines:

1. Everyone directed to reasonably comply with social distancing requirements at all times.
2. Businesses (except Essential Businesses) required to cease all activities except Minimum Basic Operations. Businesses can continue to operate if all employees/contractors working from own residences.
3. Essential businesses encouraged to remain open and comply with Social Distancing Requirements including in lines.
4. All public/private gatherings prohibited (with exceptions).
5. All travel prohibited (except for exempt activities/reasons)

During these challenging times, we are doing everything in our power to protect the health, safety and livelihoods of people in our cities. While, we the metropolitan mayors, are prepared to act in our region, we would urge a statewide Stay at Home order as the vital next step in helping to protect our

residents from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shane T. Bemis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Shane Bemis
Mayor, City of Gresham
Chair, Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium