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The corona virus pandemic has been devastating to our industry and my venue. I own Portland House of Music and Events, in Portland ME and have faced over \$8000 in monthly bills for over 14 months. Before I am able to open safely, this will undoubtedly carry into 17 months or possibly more. This out of pocket expense of nearly \$140,000, combined with a loss of income of over \$130,000 has been life changing in a way that nobody would want to face.

We produce over 200 shows/year at Portland House of Music and Events, employing on average more than 10 musicians per show, which translates to approximately 2000 lost pay days for musicians in a 12 month period. When this stretches out to 17 months, this number grows to over 2800 pay days lost.

This bill has the ability to contribute to the recovery of not only a devastated industry, but devastated families. We need this to bill to pass.