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To whom it may concern:

I am a local musician who plays in three Portland based groups: Rustic Overtones, Gina and the Red Eye Flight Crew, and The Fogcutters. With the shut down of venues last year, I lost 50% of my total estimated 2020 income overnight. 2021 shows a glimmer of hope with bookings starting for outdoor in the summer and indoor in the fall, but even with that, I will be set to lose thousands of dollars I would make in a non pandemic year. I've seen an entire community of artists and venues take an immeasurable hit, with some of the poorest aid options (because I am also employed with a day job, I received a single 1000 dollar grant last year; about 10% of my expected earnings). At the end of the day, I just want to make sure the support is there for the venues and stages I'm so excited to return to. Without stages to play, the loss of income will continue and make it even harder as a musician to generate any sort of income. Thank you for your time.