

Dear Ted:

I spoke with X this morning....he owns a restaurant in Gualala and here are his words:

'They forced us to close down and we haven't gotten any help.'

He has totally changed his businesses to meet the guidelines, he has laid off as many non-essential workers in his work force (me) as he can and he is actively thinking of closing down. He can't pay his rents and his employees with the little \$ he is bringing in.

And...of course, we don't have the boost of tourists to augment the local business.

He has applied for all the govt loans that are 'offered' but none of the banks are taking applications: Redwood Credit Union, Westamerica.....not even taking applications.

I know he is not alone in this thinking. And I know he is not alone in his situation.....

And I know that you know all this....I'm just at a loss of what I can say to him.

IT IS A SERIOUS THING JUST TO BE ALIVE ON THIS FRESH MORNING IN THIS BROKEN WORLD /MARY OLIVER

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