



March 16, 2020

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RE: All States Need Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declarations Immediately

Dear Mr. McBride:

The organizations listed below represent small businesses that cannot switch their core functions to remote operation during this disaster outbreak of COVID-19. These are automotive service providers and suppliers that keep our most common form of transportation safe. They and their employees need immediate support to protect their health and safety, their customers' health and safety, and their short and long-term economic viability.

The crisis isn't two months away. It's here. Consumers are scared. Many of these businesses are already down by 40% - 75%. Their operating margins cannot sustain such losses. When they fail, millions of employees become unemployed with no other source of available income while thousands of business owners declare bankruptcy. In the meantime, they suffer daily with excessive emotional stress from loss of income and shortages of critical services such as affordable health care and affordable, safe child care due to sudden and prolonged school closings.

We urge you to urge your members to take immediate action to obtain an Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration for their states so that suffering small businesses can have access to Small Business Administration disaster support.

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Thank you in advance for supporting the true small business backbone of our country. If you need additional information from us to further disaster relief efforts, please let us know. We're looking forward to working with you to ensure America's speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

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