

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the cofounder of a small business launched in May 2019. We manufacture packaged goods that are sold both in physical retail locations across the nation as well as online. We are seeing issues already arising with our retail partners either shutting down completely, or, in the case of grocery stores, having many less customers coming through their doors. Of course, customers are more focused on toilet paper and essentials, so the overall impact on our sales will be extremely significant.

We are imploring the state to offer some element of relief for businesses like ours for some relief in terms of commercial rent abatement as well as assistance for survival as business owners ourselves, as we cannot apply for unemployment insurance as we try to continue to run our businesses. These smaller amounts over the course of two months make the difference between a business being able to pick up once this pandemic has passed and never being able to start up again, leaving business owners with crippling debt, personal guarantees on leases they can no longer afford, and potential bankruptcy.

We encourage the Legislature to discuss and implement policies no later than the first week of April to ensure that we can plan accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

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