

Dear Co-Chairs Holvey,

As a small business owner, I am writing today to share the impacts the current COVID-19 health crisis is having on my business, and my family.

First and foremost, I am a full time single dad to a 3 year old daughter. I run a laser engraving business out of my home using a piece of equipment that I am currently leasing to own. The machine alone costs me \$440 a month. I started my business in October of 2019, things were going great until now.

My business relies on local events and other local businesses being open. This pandemic has canceled all events for the foreseeable future. It has also made my housemate seek somewhere else to live due to loss of job. I can't even find a new housemate currently.

As of April 1st, I am responsible for \$1525 of rent + all of my utilities + \$440 for my equipment. This is not a simple task as a single dad or as a small business.

I considered taking out a loan, but I know the interest will just push me further into debt and cause me to close my business. I will obviously break my equipment lease before losing the roof over my head, but without the equipment, I have no business. This is my livelihood, this business allows me to spend every day with my daughter and that keeps her happy and healthy.

These are hard times for all of us. I encourage you to support our business community as we deal with the astonishing economic disruption that has accompanied this health crisis.

Sincerely,

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