

Dear Co-Chairs Holvey and Roblan,

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

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.

I own a Fitness business in Ashland OR. I have 150 members that are on a Medicare Supplemental Insurance Fitness program. My reimbursement for their membership from the insurance companies is contingent on their visits to the fitness club. As all of these members are elderly and in the high risk category for COVID-19 they are no longer coming to the fitness center. Therefore, there will be no insurance reimbursements for all of those members.

The fitness center is also getting calls daily about cancelling memberships. Folks do not know how long this pandemic will last and they have growing concerns about their discretionary dollars.

I already have one SBA loan out on my business and having to look at starting another one is a difficult decision. Having access to capital in the immediate could be of great help to keep my business viable in these uncertain times. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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