

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 19, 2020

Jovita Carranza
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, SW
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Carranza:

We write to you in strong support of Minnesota's request for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declaration under 13 C.F.R. § 123.3 to provide assistance in the form of SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for Minnesota businesses suffering economic harm as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We urge you to approve a statewide EIDL Declaration to assist the business community throughout our state.

The COVID-19 pandemic has already had a significant impact on small businesses throughout Minnesota—including those in and associated with the hospitality, educational support, retail, and restaurant industries. The measures necessary to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 have resulted in canceled events, closures of schools and businesses, and a dramatic decline in revenues in key sectors of our economy.

We have heard directly from Minnesota small business owners about the substantial losses that they are now facing due to the COVID-19 disaster, which is causing extensive economic damage in our state and which necessitates financial assistance from the federal government.

Thank you for your attention to this critical request. We look forward to working with you to protect our small businesses.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator



Tina Smith
United States Senator



Jim Hagedorn
Member of Congress



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