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March 16, 2020

The Honorable Tim Walz, Governor  
State of Minnesota  
130 State Capitol  
75 Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance through the Federal Small Business Administration**

Dear Governor Walz:

We ask that you submit a formal request to the federal Small Business Administration's Office for Disaster Assistance for relief for Minnesota small businesses impacted by COVID-19/Coronavirus.

Many hospitality businesses in Minnesota are projecting revenue losses between 30-50% or higher in the coming weeks and many are contemplating temporary closure or worse. Small businesses across the state have already sustained significant losses due to market conditions brought on by COVID-19/Coronavirus. As part of the federal legislation recently enacted, the federal Small Business Administration has been given authority to distribute up to \$1 billion in loan relief to small business subjected to financial injury due to these conditions. Such loan relief could be the difference between survival and permanent closure for certain businesses.

We ask that you immediately undertake efforts to request aid through this program by certifying that Minnesota's economy and its small businesses have been substantially injured by COVID-19/Coronavirus.

Thank you in advance for taking swift action to submit this request to SBA for COVID-19 impacts for all of Minnesota. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Rammer".

Liz Rammer, President & CEO