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To Mr. Coffey:

This letter shall serve as a request on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the United States Small Business Administration to issue an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration allowing for loans made to businesses in designated areas of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to help alleviate economic injuries caused to the Commonwealth by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Such loans are available pursuant to the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act that President Donald Trump recently signed.

At this time we would designate the entire Commonwealth as a designated area where such loans are necessary. Due to the risks associated with the rapid spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), I have had to take difficult but necessary measures in an effort to contain the virus that have affected our entire state and the small businesses and non-profit entities in our communities. These include asking our schools to close, asking our businesses to allow employees to have paid time off where needed, and asking our citizens to cease to engage in a number of activities that are essential to our small businesses. We in Kentucky have also asked our citizens and businesses to cancel large gatherings and events, many of which are vital and relied upon by many small businesses for their economic livelihood. While our residents are actively working to help our small businesses safely (such as by ordering take out and buying gift cards), we want to ensure that our small businesses have access to all resources potentially available to them during this difficult time. For these reasons, we request that the entire Commonwealth be so designated and that such loans be available to all of our citizens.

Please be advised that we have designated Michael E. Dossett, the Director of Kentucky Emergency Management, as the person with whom the Small Business Association may coordinate related to Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance. Director Dossett can be reached at (502) 352-8054 or michael.e.dossett@ky.gov. We look forward to working with the Small

Business Administration on this issue and other options available to help our small business community in this time of great need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andy Beshear', is written over the printed name below.

Andy Beshear
Governor