

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 12, 2020

Ms. Jovita Carranza
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd St SW
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Administrator Carranza:

As you are aware, the President has recently signed the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (H.R. 6074) into law. In this legislation, Congress approved \$8.3 billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak, including \$20 million for the Small Business Administration and up to \$7 billion in low-interest disaster loans to assist small businesses impacted by this public health crisis.

Congress included these measures after hearing from small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture producers, and small non-profit organizations that have been adversely affected by financial losses stemming from the coronavirus. In order to ensure these small businesses can operate with a sense of stability, we are calling on the Small Business Administration to do the following:

1. Provide a clear process for how states can work with the Small Business Administration to officially declare a disaster for coronavirus-related economic injuries to small businesses
2. Develop and communicate a clear process for small businesses who have been adversely affected by the coronavirus to access economic injury disaster loans
3. Provide direction to Congress on what steps are being taken by the Small Business Administration to deliver assistance as quickly as possible
4. Compile and communicate a repository of additional resources that are available to assist small businesses adversely affected by the coronavirus

Thank you for your attention to this matter. It is our responsibility to ensure that small businesses across the country know that we are looking out for them. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



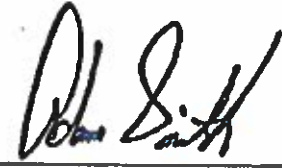
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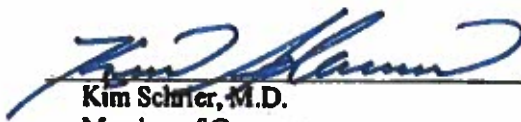
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