Dear Governor Ducey, Senators and Representatives:

Simply put, truly small family-owned businesses require your urgent attention. To that end, we ask that before you head to the safety of your homes and loved ones, that you assist those experiencing the brunt and very real economic consequences of these unparalleled times. For example, other major cities including Philadelphia and Seattle have already acted to stabilize the situation for their family-owned small businesses. We can too. Here is how we can make a real difference for our community:

Financial Relief and Employee Protection: Provide small businesses with up to six-months of operational expense relief through loan forgiveness and/or no-interest capital. The financial support will ensure we can continue to support and pay our employees through this crisis.

Eviction Protection: Enact a six (6) month moratorium on any and all rent requirements under commercial leasing agreements for small locally owned businesses (100 employees or less) and for any small locally owned businesses (100 employees or less) that are forced to cease operations due to the local, state or federally enacted restrictions or declared state of emergency, enact a moratorium of six (6) months on any and all requirements due from lease, vendor or credit agreements.

Utility Protection: Suspend any and all utility shut offs for small locally owned businesses (100 employees or less) for a minimum of six (6) months or until the Federal government lifts the declared “State of Emergency.”

Closure Protection: If businesses are forced to close, halt all lease, vendor and credit agreements and stop credit reporting.

Protect Revenue: Immediately enact a six (6) month moratorium on all payroll and sales taxes for small family owned businesses (100 employees or less).

We believe that with these policies in place, we can keep our community afloat and ensure that Arizona small family owned businesses survive this pandemic and continue to thrive. We ask for your support and action prior to ending the legislative session.

Thank you!

We encourage you to share this communication with your fellow Arizona small business owners.

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