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Kcm R. Fleming, Director
U.S. Small Business Administration
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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Under provisions of Title 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) implement a Small Business Administrative declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans for all eight Connecticut counties: Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, Tolland, and Windham following the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak beginning on January 31, 2020 and ongoing.

Beginning on January 31, 2020, I directed the implementation of the State Response Framework (SRF) to enhance the coordination and information flow between partnering agencies. On March 10, 2020, I declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Under this declaration, additional measures have been taken to protect public health and safety. Executive Orders No. 7, 7A, and 7B, among other directives, prohibit large gatherings of 250 people or more, waive in-person open meeting requirements, limit nursing home visitors, and waive the 180-day school year requirement. Additionally, municipalities across the State have taken actions related to the closure of schools and the cancellation of events and large gatherings. Additional emergency orders will follow.

The impact of this global pandemic to businesses across the state has been significant. Owners of inns, venues, restaurants and other service industry companies, have reported a large number of cancellations. Businesses owners are unable to meet their financial obligations with this sudden reduction in revenues.

A survey of these affected businesses was conducted to determine the economic impact of their losses, for the disaster period as compared to the same period in the preceding year. Based upon these surveys, I certify that at least five small businesses in the disaster area have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the disaster and need financial assistance not otherwise available on reasonable terms. If you need additional information, please contact State Emergency Management Director William J. Hackett at 860-685-8531 or by email at william.j.hackett@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



Ned Lamont
Governor