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Ms. Jovita Carranza, Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street SW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Carranza:

I am pleased to support Governor Tony Evers' request for the Small Business Administration (SBA) to issue an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration for Wisconsin's 72 counties due to the novel coronavirus or COVID-19.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, state and local officials have been closely monitoring and implementing important public health strategies to stem the outbreak. I strongly support critical response measures such as social distancing and self-quarantines, but I also have heard from Wisconsin businesses in danger of bankruptcy through no fault of their own. Wisconsin small businesses are the engine of our state's economy and often operate on small margins. Reduced foot traffic and closed storefronts are threatening their very existence.

Earlier this month, Congress passed the *Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2020*, to help workers and small businesses weather this crisis. I support this legislation, which provides small businesses access to badly needed liquidity so that they can continue to pay their employees and make rental and utility payments

I urge SBA to swiftly approve Governor Evers' request so that Wisconsin businesses are provided access to the capital they need to stay in business and continue supporting our communities.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator