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March 17, 2020

Ms. Tanya Garfield  
Director  
Office of Disaster Assistance Field Operations Center – West  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
6501 Sylvan Road  
Citrus Heights, California 95610-5017

Dear Ms. Garfield:

Under provisions of 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 Texas counties as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The effects of COVID-19 began on January 31, 2020, and has caused economic impacts such as major event cancellations, loss of walk-in customers, depletion of stock from suppliers, and client cancellations. Businesses across the state have already experienced significant economic losses and are anticipated to continue to lose revenue due to this pandemic.

This is an update to the initial Texas SBA Disaster Declaration request following SBA's March 17, 2020, announcement, which allows all Texas counties to be declared under a single COVID-19 Declaration.

A survey of the affected businesses was conducted to determine the economic impact of their losses. Based upon these surveys, I certify that at least 5 small businesses in the disaster areas have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the disaster and are in need of financial assistance not otherwise available on reasonable terms.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management at (512) 424-2436.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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