

April 1, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

Thank you for the work that you and your administration have been doing to help California confront the COVID-19 pandemic. We are writing today to urge you to enact a statewide moratorium on evictions for commercial properties that are occupied by small businesses and nonprofits in addition to providing support to vulnerable and minority-owned small businesses.

As resources are being distributed through the stimulus package at the federal level, there are many small businesses that are hanging on by a thread and need immediate assistance. It is no surprise that this pandemic is causing major financial hardships for people and businesses, especially small businesses who rely on revenue affected by the Shelter in Place order. While there is a clear order to halt evictions from residential properties, commercial tenants are still in limbo. We are urging you to have a clear order and enforce a statewide eviction moratorium on commercial properties that are occupied by small businesses and nonprofits similar to the intent of SB 939. This will ensure that small businesses and nonprofits will have a chance to reopen and not be forced to shut their doors permanently.

Furthermore, many vulnerable and minority-owned small businesses lack the resources and support to seek financial assistance due to the complexity of the application process and, in some cases, language barriers. We are asking that you provide more support to local Small Business Development Centers in addition to increasing outreach and support at the state level for those needing assistance. Language access is necessary to ensure that businesses get timely financial relief.

Lastly, we are asking that, to the extent feasible, your administration assists with ensuring the immediate distribution of loans that are available at the state and federal level.


Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy and many small businesses cannot wait much longer to get financial relief. We urge that you expand on your previous actions to further help small businesses and nonprofits.

Once again, thank you for all that you are doing to lead us through these tough times. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please reach out at (916) 319-2025. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Assemblymember, 25th District



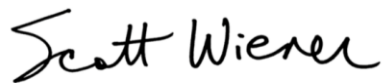
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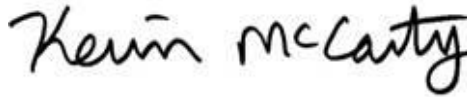
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