

Dear Olmsted County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, please accept our gratitude for meeting with us to discuss the request to extend the property tax payment deferral deadline. It is very heartening to see a discussion of this important topic on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. I sincerely hope and respectfully request that you will give all proper consideration and support an extension of the deferral without penalty until December 15th. We understand that this action has consequences and for that we thank you for your leadership and due diligence with other organizations to be able to consider this action.

The County has been an extraordinary partner especially during this challenging time. Please know how much we appreciate your collaboration and support of the Chamber's education efforts. Similarly, your partnership in developing and conducting the economic impact of COVID research on business is also appreciated. We are hopeful that it will be valuable for you in your revenue forecasting as it will be in our efforts to develop meaningful programming for our members.

Again, thank you for your leadership, partnership, and willingness to consider the extension of the property tax payment deferral.

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