

ROCHESTER AREA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dear Councilmember,

On behalf of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, please know how grateful we are for the City's swift action in support of economic recovery and the inclusion of the Chamber in the City's Economic Recovery Task Force. We appreciate this opportunity to collaborate while also being able to bring the concerns and needs of the small business community directly to the attention of the City. We look forward to continuing to work together as we work towards a recovery for all sectors of the Rochester economy.

Please be confident of the Chamber's advocacy for and support of the proposed dedication of CARES funding towards Economic Recovery Investment for small business. We hope you will signal strong support for this proposal, particularly the provision regarding liquor license relief. We are very concerned about the sustainability of the hospitality sector and this proposed grant program will be a measure of valuable assistance. Because restaurants and bars were the first businesses to close and among the last to reopen, the Chamber is pleased to see the inclusion of some form of liquor license relief. We look for more details on this important provision.

We appreciate our partnership and joint efforts to strengthen our economy and community. The proposal to dedicate a portion of the CARES Act dollars towards toward economic recovery is an important step in helping promote our City's economic recovery. We therefore urge strong support of the City's Administration proposal to target and allocate CARES Act funding to economic recovery and small business support.

Respectfully,

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President
Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce

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