

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2308

November 18, 2020

The Honorable Tim Walz
Governor of the State of Minnesota
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz:

We write to you today recognizing the seriousness of COVID-19 and the recent spike in cases in our state. The resiliency of Minnesotans continues to be tested, but we are certain that we will emerge from this crisis stronger than ever before. With this in mind, we are deeply troubled that as you close small businesses, millions of dollars in funds provided to the state of Minnesota through the CARES Act remain unspent.

Over the last several months, Minnesotans have worked tirelessly to save their businesses, reemploy staff, and restart our economy. Now, Minnesotans are scrambling for their livelihoods once more, even as funds sit idle that should provide them relief and security.

As you force Minnesotans to close their businesses, we request that you immediately use the CARES Act money to provide Minnesota's small businesses financial relief. Small business owners bear the cost of your new restrictions and it is imperative that these funds are used to assist them in their most dire hour.

We do not take the role of representing Minnesotans lightly. As Members of Congress, we have taken the appropriate steps to provide financial assistance to Minnesota businesses through the CARES Act. We now request that you use those funds to mitigate the economic damage your new restrictions and closures will cause.

Sincerely,



Pete Stauber
Member of Congress



Tom Emmer
Member of Congress



Jim Hagedorn
Member of Congress