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Dear Leaders:

The COVID crisis has impacted my business and my community enormously. While I understand the steps we took to control the spread of the virus, my sales have taken a steep dive because of the government-ordered actions that were taken. This has impacted me and my family, as well as my staff and their families. We are all struggling.

Disconnecting from the federal CARES Act will only make it worse. This is a time when I need to count on you for help, not harm. I can't believe you are considering something like the CARES Act disconnect in LC 2, which will cost me cash when I need it most. The CARES Act is bipartisan, and this partisan move by the Legislature is not right.

Sincerely,

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