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Dear Task Force members

Thanks so much for your work and focus to help keep small businesses alive through this economic downturn. I have received a CBJ loan (via JEDC) for \$7500. Thank you! Ironically, I am earmarking these funds for paying my property taxes this year.

I have applied for a federal SBA loan (in early March) but have heard nothing, other than my loan is “in the queue.” (I have an application number). I have a small business since 1993 with 4 part-time subcontractors. Therefore I don’t qualify for PPP. I applied for unemployment but don’t qualify because I’m self employed. I applied for PUA a few weeks ago (retroactively as well) when that became available, but was told the maximum benefit I could receive, if I earned less than \$50 in a week, was \$133. Luckily my business is not quite that desperate. I’m not sure how any small business could keep their doors open with \$133/week! I have taken about a 70% dip in my income since March, and am now digging into savings to pay my overhead. This is where some additional small business relief would be most welcome.

I believe my business continues to have value to the community of Juneau but healthcare, even with insurance coverage, is a type of discretionary spending, and people are of course being very careful with their money right now.

Thanks for hearing my story. I am not alone in this variation of essential services being underutilized at the moment.

Best wishes

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