



COLORADO

Governor Jared Polis

March 16, 2020

Ms. Tanya Garfield, Director
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center - West
U.S. Small Business Administration
6501 Sylvan Road
Citrus Heights, CA
95610-5017

Dear Ms. Garfield,

Under provisions of 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) implement a Small Business Administrative declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans for Alamosa, Baca, Denver, Eagle, El Paso, Gunnison, Jefferson, Larimer, La Plata, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Pueblo, Rio Grande, Routt, San Miguel Counties as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). In addition, the Southern Ute Tribal Nation and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Nation have similarly been impacted and on their behalf, I respectfully request assistance for our Tribal partners.

The effects of COVID-19 began on January 31, 2020 and has caused economic impacts such as major event cancellations, business closures, loss of walk-in customers due to fear, depletion of stock from suppliers, and client cancellations. Businesses across the State have already experienced significant economic losses and are anticipated to continue to lose revenue due to this pandemic.

A survey of the affected businesses was conducted to determine the economic impact of their losses. Based upon these surveys, I certify that at least 5 small businesses in the disaster area have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the disaster and are in need of financial assistance not otherwise available on reasonable terms.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Jeff Kraft, Director of Business Funding and Incentives, at 303-892-3845 or Jeff.Kraft@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor

CC: Betsy Markey, Executive Director, OEDIT
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