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From: Becky Janes
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Economic Stabilization
Cc: Borough Assembly
Subject: Extreme Hardship Grant Proposal

Dear Economic Stabilization Task Force and Juneau Assembly,

We are writing in support of a grant proposal for extreme hardship. Our company, Above & Beyond Alaska, has been in the tourism industry for nearly 20 years.

We have experienced a 97% loss of income for the year. We typically employ over 35-40 employees every summer and due to the economic impacts of COVID-19, we had to lay off almost our entire staff.

Up until this year, we had donated thousands of dollars to various charities and non-profits every year, paid over \$700,000 in payroll to seasonal and year around employees working for us, and contributed almost \$100,000 in city sales tax each year.

We are prepared to weather this economic storm. However, never in our wildest dreams did we imagine this COVID crisis. It's been difficult to navigate through these very murky waters and our savings is depleting quickly. It's going to be near impossible to pay the start-up costs for the next season without getting additional grants or funding.

Please consider doing everything you can to assist all of the small businesses in our community who have experienced extreme economic hardship. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Becky & Sean Janes

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