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**From:** David Summers  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** Economic Stabilization  
**Subject:** Extreme Hardship Grant

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Dear Economic Stabilization Task Force & Juneau Assembly,

I'm writing in support of the Extreme Hardship Grant proposal (ref: CBC & ESTF)

I've owned and operated my small business Alaska Knifeworks LLC in downtown Juneau for over 20 years. My other small businesses; Juneau Outfitters LLC, The Salmon Shoppe LLC, and Glacier Bear Espresso & Tea LLC have been operating since late 2018. COVID-19 has been an unbearable burden on my long time business and even worse for my two year old start-ups.

I have two children, ages 8 & 11, in the local Juneau public school system. We've had to move out of our home and adapt to the extreme financial hardships brought about by the shutdown of my work due to the pandemic.

My small businesses experienced a 99% loss of income for the year, ninety-nine percent. We typically employ 12 - 15 employees and due to the economic impacts of COVID-19 I had to lay-off or not hire our entire staff outside of myself, all of them.

I typically donate thousands of dollars to local charities and non-profits every year, our revenues support several local vendor businesses buying locally harvested salmon and other products, we pay tens of thousands of dollars in payroll, and tens of thousands of dollars in sales tax each year.

Without additional grants such as the Extreme Hardship Grant proposed by the ESTF, my businesses along with many others suffer the distinct possibility of permanent closure as we await the return of visitors to Juneau. Without these grants and outspoken, directly targeted efforts to return the visitor industry to Juneau the entire community suffers, no is unaffected. Juneau simply does not have sufficient population to support itself as it is today, as a community we will all lose a massive part of our budget and the associated services it supports.

Please consider funding the Extreme Hardship Grant proposed by the Economic Stabilization Task Force.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David Summers, CEO

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