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Dear ESTF,

Thank you for your Task Force! I am sure you hear so many hardship stories. This is mine.

I am a woman owned small charter fishing and tour business and this season would have been my 38th year serving our cruise ships and independent guests.

I have been totally shut down due to no cruise ships and due to the minimal independent guests it was not feasible to even put my boats in the water this season.

Because I am seasonal I had no employees 4th quarter 2019 and first quarter 2020, and no sales at all for 2020.

I have lost all of my employees due to the shut down and 100% of my 10 employees are Juneau residents. They are suffering too.

I don't know what I would have done without the JEDC Team! Their two grants have helped me make partial payments on my rent, utilities, boat storage, boat insurance, CBJ boat slips, just a few expenses that still needed to be paid and help keep me going.

It was an exciting year last 2019 and I was able to purchase three new boats that we desperately needed!

The huge dilemma is my fear for next 2021 season. If I don't make my three boat payments I will lose my boats and the investment I have already paid out.

Therefore, not only losing this 2020 season but potentially losing my business in 2021.

It seems like the hardship is just beginning!

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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