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Dear Mr. Fleming:

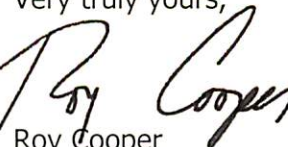
Under the provisions of "The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act," 2020 (P.L. 116-123), I respectfully request the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to issue a Small Business Administration disaster declaration to provide aid in the form of SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans to the State of North Carolina beginning from the date of the declaration of a public health emergency by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020, and continuing indefinitely for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 10, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 116 declaring a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina. The declaration activated the State Emergency Operations Center to help agencies coordinate the response to COVID-19 from one location. I also established the Governor's Novel Coronavirus Task Force on COVID-19 to work with state, local and federal partners in responding to challenges posed by COVID-19.

The State is currently sustaining severe economic impacts from this pandemic. Many of our schools and universities have limited operations and major events have been canceled. These economic injuries and losses to businesses have just begun and will continue through this crisis. The impact of these losses is being calculated and based on current conditions I can certify that many small businesses have suffered substantial losses and need financial assistance not otherwise available on reasonable terms.

If you need additional information, please contact Joe Stanton, Assistant Director of NC Emergency Management at 919.218.6324 or email at joe.stanton@ncdps.gov.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Roy Cooper