

May 29, 2020

Governor Tim Walz
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther Blvd. #130
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz:

Last evening many small businesses on the Eastside of Saint Paul suffered extensive damage due to the unrest caused by the murder of George Floyd. These small businesses, many family-owned by immigrants and people of color, were already suffering financially due to the recession induced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are requesting immediate assistance and financial aid to help these small businesses recover and rebuild. They provide jobs and are an anchor for the community. Without immediate help, we fear they will close, and it will take decades before our community will recover.

Sincerely,



Tim Mahoney
State Representative – 67A



Jay Xiong
State Representative – 67B

CC: Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
Mayor Melvin Carter – City of Saint Paul
Commissioner Steve Grove – Department of Employment and Economic Development
Commissioner John Harrington – Department of Public Safety