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To Whom it May Concern:

COVID-19 has brutally affected many bars and restaurants nationwide, and Bent River Brewing Company is no exception. We have had two extended shut down periods in March and November. In between, we were at limited seating capacity in our dining room and at our bar. Due to this, our Moline retail sales are down over 25% year to date, and we anticipate being down over 30% by the end of the year.

Our staff has gone to great lengths this year to ensure that Bent River Brewing Co. is as safe of an environment as a restaurant can be for both our employees and guests. Creating and maintaining that environment has added a great amount of expense to the business. We have been extra diligent with sanitation practices, have had to add a considerable amount of PPP for the staff, and always have hand sanitizer available for both the employees and guests.

Any available grant money will allow us to continue to make Bent River a shining example of how a restaurant should safely operate during these extraordinary times. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Nick Bowes  
President  
Bent River Brewing Co.