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City of Moline, Illinois

Re: Milltown Coffee

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the one of the owners of Milltown Coffee, a small business which I opened in 2014. The business was opened knowing that we would be dealing with many detours due to the building of the new I-74 bridge. We have dealt with the many detours every year, since opening.

Then the flood of 2019, of which I do not need to elaborate, as every citizen of Moline is well aware of the historic flood and damage to our riverfront coffee shop.

But who knew COVID 19 would be one year later. COVID has cost our little business thousands of dollars in lost revenue. We have attempted to keep our employees on the payroll for the duration, but unfortunately, we could not maintain our entire payroll. We have been forced to close our business inside, and shut our doors completely, on more than one occasion. As you may know, part of the charm of our business is the view of the Mississippi River. Unlike many coffee shops, we do not have a drive-thru that could have, potentially assisted in lost revenue. Our customers have come to love the beautiful view from inside our shop.

We've had additional challenges in our attempts, with some success of maintaining employment of our full-time employees. We have tried to recover losses, but have not been completely successful. The continual challenges of compliance with all the Executive Orders have had their unique hurdles, but we have, and we will continue to comply with all mandates and orders as directed.

It is our wish to continue to remain a viable business, as we have enjoyed successes in our business. A grant of \$5000.00 would be extremely helpful in allowing us to continue to be a viable business in the City of Moline.

We greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Z. Cartee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Catherine" on the top line and "Z. Cartee" on the bottom line.

Catherine Z. Cartee
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