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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in regards to the grants available for bars and restaurants affected by the coronavirus mitigation efforts. My business, The Wunder Y at 2316-16th Street, has felt the impact in a variety of ways, and I find myself doing everything in order to survive into next year. It has been a huge challenge, but I have been helped by family and friends in keeping my business open. I have adhered to all of the mitigation rules throughout the year and will continue to do so in the future.

In the spring when my business was completely shut down, I lost all income and still had bills to pay. This was very difficult in more ways than one, and I felt a level of stress I have never felt before—facing an uncertain future that lead to a complete loss of sleep that had further repercussions. During that time, I created an area outside for customers to drink and eat outside. I paid for all of the materials that went into that and built it myself. I knew that it was the only way that I would be able to stay in business with the restrictions that were enacted due to the coronavirus. Unfortunately, the colder months are approaching and that outdoor space will no longer be of much use.

During the spring and summer months, I lost a lot of business. I had numerous graduation, birthday, and other parties booked, all of which had to be cancelled due to the restrictions on gatherings. This fall all holiday parties have also been cancelled, which is difficult to even think about in terms of the financial impact in these upcoming months.

With the new mitigation efforts this week, I am faced with a nearly complete shutdown, and my business will suffer financially once again. My rent, utilities, and other payments will not cease, and once again, I will face the stress of keeping my business open long enough to survive the restrictions brought on by the coronavirus.

Obviously, my business has been impacted by the different Covid 19 mitigation efforts enforced during this year. Your grant would help me stay open as we go into a new year that will hopefully bring an end to this virus. I am deeply grateful for the help from the city, such as reducing the cost of liquor licenses and providing grant opportunities to local businesses. I would appreciate if you consider The Wunder Y as a recipient of this new grant, which will help me continue as a businessman in Moline.

Sincerely-

Leonard Hafner