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City of Moline  
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To whom my Concern,

My name is Blanca Moran I am the owner of Coya's Café. As a small local business owner, it has not been easy to continue having our doors opened for business in Moline. As you might know I have two locations, the main location on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (still operating) and the downtown location (closed since March due to Covid). I had just opened the downtown location when we had to close it and still have not been able to re-open that location. I am behind in rent, utilities at that location.

Even thou the main location is still operating but it's been difficult having only one income and trying to pay expenses of two location. Our main location is small and since March we have made changes due to Covid not being easy but trying to maintain the doors open. As a small business owner my main concern is paying rent, utilities, my employees, vendors and my tax liabilities.

With winter coming along our sales will drop (due to weather) and now that we can't have dine in. We will only be able to rely on carry out, curbside and delivery options for our business. As always, we will abide by the governor's request but pray to God this does not impact more our business than it already has I do not want to have to make the decision to close our doors forever. I am doing everything I know and can to continue with my mother's legacy to honor her. She would always tell me " si se puede, no te rindas" ( " you can do it" "never give up") .

I understand we are in a pandemic and our health is very important but I also have employees that only rely on their income from the café to survive. I appreciate everything the City does for all the Business in the area. That is the reason I decided to have both my cafes in the City of Moline.

Once again, I appreciate all your support and assistance to my small business and all in the City of Moline.

Sincerely,

Blanca Moran