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Dear Governor Murphy,

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted nearly everyone's personal and work life, as well as businesses throughout N.J. and around the globe. From day one, we understand your concern for the safety, health and well-being of the residents of N.J. has been your top priority.

However, each and every day of closure is another nail in the coffin for businesses here in Sussex County, as well as across our great state. Quite frankly, when you have no money coming in, limited or no reserve and you have very few businesses and residents who have received funding through assistance programs, it's terrifying.

It is time NOW to reawaken our business activity and begin to build and reenergize our economy. There is too much at risk not to do so.

We respectfully ask you to begin to open up businesses following the NJ Business Coalition's (NJBIA) suggested stages. Our businesses are prepared to follow safety protocols put in place including social distancing and cleaning/sanitizing standards. New Jersey's economy needs a resurgence and it can only start with your efforts to jump start it by bringing back business to our state.

We strongly encourage you move forward quickly. Time is of the essence!

Respectfully,

President
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