



March 25, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

**RE: Memorandum in Support of “Small Business Emergency Recovery Act of 2020”**

Dear Governor Cuomo,

On behalf of the members of the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, I strongly support the “Small Business Emergency Recovery Act of 2020,” a relief package for small businesses and their employees. While I applaud the excellent efforts to protect our communities from the spread of COVID-19, “social distancing” regulations are devastating to small businesses in our region and throughout the state. New York businesses urgently need your help.

As outlined in the “Small Business Emergency Recovery Act of 2020,” the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce fully supports the proposals to:

- Immediately direct \$890 million from the state's settlement reserve fund to small businesses;
- Develop a 0% loan program to help small businesses meet payroll commitments;
- Repurpose available tax credits to existing small businesses;
- Utilize all economic development discretionary funding for small businesses within New York state;
- Adjust deadlines for payment of business taxes 180 days into the future; and
- Suspend all regulatory fees on small businesses for 180 days

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Approximately 99% of businesses in New York State are small businesses, and many of them are now facing the possibility of permanent closures and layoffs. Years of economic progress are at stake. Please support this common-sense emergency relief package to protect our small businesses and their employees.

Sincerely,

**Kamala Keeley**  
President and CEO  
Chemung County Chamber of Commerce