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Chamber Members & Community Partners:

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe. The last two weeks have brought unprecedented changes to our lives, our communities, our nation and the world. We recognize that our neighbors are facing significant challenges, and through all that, please know that the Chamber is here for you.

Our team has been working around the clock to identify the resources and tools our members need to navigate this current business reality. These resources include webinars, our semi-weekly "Trending" emails with COVID-19 information and our new "My Business Status" page on the Chamber's website. We have also put together a guide that highlights the current operations and hours of our restaurant members.

Beyond our communication efforts, we are still your steadfast business advocates. We've been working with the U.S. Chamber and our partner organizations on the federal stimulus legislation. We've mobilized our allies to support small business focused relief, benefits for self-employed individuals and dedicated funding for our healthcare providers and hospitals. Once the final text of the stimulus package is released, we'll be working to get you details on how to access key programs.

Additionally, look for announcements later this week on how our partners and local governments are streamlining resources for local businesses so that they will all be available in one place.

We know that Bakersfield and Kern County are resilient and strong, we also know that this situation will pass. It will take a community grounded in optimism and filled with boundless compassion to weather this storm; we are that community, and we will build something better.

All the Best,

Nick Ortiz
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