

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

June 22, 2020

The Honorable Jovita Carranza
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd St SW
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Carranza:

We are writing in support of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker's request for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Declaration for qualifying counties in Illinois amid occurrences of looting, arson, and rioting of small businesses across the State.

Earlier this month, Governor Pritzker issued a State Disaster Proclamation for Cook and contiguous counties that experienced the highest frequency of damage reports. Many of the businesses in these areas will require assistance to reconstruct and reopen. Assisting small businesses in recovery is of the utmost importance to these communities, and essential to their economic well-being.

Governor Pritzker has determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and local governments. We respectfully request that you issue a SBA Economic Injury Declaration that includes all counties for which the Governor has requested such assistance, and that the loans also be offered to the counties that are contiguous to the declared counties.

Thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this important request. We stand ready to assist in any way appropriate.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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United States Senator

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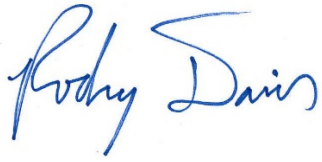
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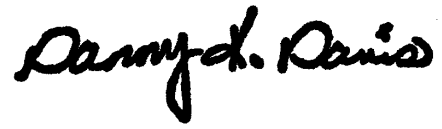
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