March 17, 2020

Ms. Jovita Carranza
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, SW
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Carranza:

We write to urge you to quickly approve the request made by Governor Polis for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration for the State of Colorado, due to disruption to businesses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many Colorado businesses are experiencing substantial losses and business disruption as a result of the national response to the recent outbreak and spread of COVID-19. All sectors of the economy are feeling the effects of this pandemic and every available incentive to help businesses and the workers they employ through this uncertain time is critical. It is our understanding that the Governor has submitted a formal request for a Small Business Administration disaster declaration in order to help the affected businesses recover.

We urge you to approve the request as quickly as possible so disaster loans can be made available to those who require assistance. Thank you for your assistance in this important request.

Sincerely,

Joe Neguse
Member of Congress

Jason Crow
Member of Congress

Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

Cory Gardner
United States Senator
cc: Betsy Markey, Executive Director, Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade