Dear Senator Carper, and Congresswomen Blunt Rochester   
  
As the owner of the Christiana Skating Center in Newark, and the Dover Skating Center in Dover, I am reaching out to you to tell you we need your help now!

With March being our busiest month of the year, being shut down is going to be very detrimental to our survival. Our family has owned and operated these facilities for forty years and I fear without government help we will not be able to survive until this pandemic is over. In the last few days, not only were we not able to open, but we had to refund thousands of dollars in deposits for parties that were booked and now can’t take place.

As Vice President of the Roller Skating Association and its incoming President, I have been inundated with calls from members from across the country, all with the same concern.

We provide an essential service to our communities by keeping kids off the streets and families together. We really need you and your fellow lawmakers to make programs available to small businesses like ours that will help us survive. Such as negative interest loans, relief from creditors, and incentives that can help us pay our bills that we still have to pay even though we are closed.

Lastly, we need you to help with our employees that we are no longer able to pay. Most are only part time and under 18, but they do count on their earnings to pay their bills for cars, school and rent.

Please, please help.

Sincerely,  
  
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The Honorable David Perdue, United States Senate   
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Dear Senator Perdue,   
  
I am very fortunate to be a Small Business Owner here in Kennesaw GA, leading the way in family entertainment for our community. Sparkles Family Fun Centers have been instrumental in providing a safe haven for youth as well as a way to keep our youth healthy and active. It also keeps children off the streets and out of gangs. Recently, I have become very concerned about the impact the coronavirus has had on our personal ability to bring positive impact to our community, and I am sure that you share many of these same concerns.   
  
(State the Facts of how we impact the community) Research has shown that bringing children into our skate rink has increased \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We are number one in the nation regarding Kids Skate Free… (insert other quantifiable facts). Similar findings have been made in many other states across our country.   
  
We ask you to support any upcoming bills that would help support our small business during these uncertain times. We are not only a community first organization but also an employer in this community, employing (State how many people you employ). This is a very small price to invest in the futures of our nation’s children who count on us to provide a safe place for them in our community. Furthermore, our employees count on us to provide them with a safe work environment that allows them to be productive tax paying members of our community. Without your support, based on the forced government shutdowns, this family business may not be able to survive.   
  
Sincerely,   
  
(Signature)   
  
Jeff Couey