Place on company letterhead

Date

Senator/Congressperson’s name

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

As the fortunate owner of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (skating center) in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (city/state), I am reaching out to you to ask for your help. With the month of March being the most lucrative month of the year for roller skating and family entertainment centers, being forcibly shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic is absolutely devastating to our survival. I am very concerned about the impact that this virus has had on our ability to bring a positive impact to our community and I trust that you similarly share these concerns.

Our family has owned and operated our facility for \_\_\_\_\_ years and I fear that without government assistance we will not be able to survive during this shutdown. We are also very concerned that getting back up and running will be incredibly difficult to do without the financial resources available to us. In the last few days, not only was our rink closed, but we had to refund thousands of dollars in deposits for events that citizens of our community paid.

As a proud member of the **Roller Skating Association International**, I have spoken with numerous other roller skating rink owners who are all facing similar obstacles. Our businesses provide an absolutely essential service and safe haven to our communities by keeping kids off the streets, combating childhood obesity, teaching social skills and new sports like roller hockey, speed skating and artistic roller skating. In addition, a large number of our skating centers educate students throughout the year by utilizing the nationally-recognized Roller Skating STEM Program with lesson plans for kids in grades K-12 which was developed by educational professionals through one of the largest roller skating organizations in the country – United Skates of America. Our businesses are more than just safe havens for children and families, they are educational and fitness powerhouses in our cities and often the lifeblood of small communities.

I am asking you to work with your fellow legislators to make programs available to small business owners like ours that will help us survive and get back on our feet once we have adequately stymied this pandemic. Negative interest loans and relief in the way of employee pay for our hourly and salaried employees who rely on our businesses to feed their families and survive just as we, the business owners, do. We need real relief from creditors and nationwide incentives for business growth that can help us pay our bills that we obviously still have to pay while we are closed. This is a very small price to invest in the future of our nation’s children and the families who count on us every day­.

Without your support and relief efforts during this the government shutdown, our family business may not be able to survive.

Sincerely,

Name, Title

City/State

Phone

Email