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Mayor Lori Lightfoot
Chicago Office of the Mayor
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Chicago, IL 60602

RE: Immediate Action Needed To Close Federal Loopholes Created by the Families First Coronavirus Act

Dear Mayor Lightfoot:

As you know, I am the Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 727. First, I would like to thank you for all you have done thus far to keep Chicago workers safe during this uncertain time. Second, I write to you today to inform you that, as a result of loopholes created by the Families First Coronavirus Act ("the Act"), nearly all large employers in the City of Chicago are exempt from the paid leave provisions of the Act. While it may have been the expectation of the Federal Government that companies employing more than 500 employees could afford to and would do the right thing by providing the paid leave provided for in the Act, many Employers have opted to furlough employees instead with no pay. As a result, hundreds of Teamsters have been out of work since last week with no foreseeable return date. Additionally, many of these employers have benefited from and/or are under contract for work through the City of Chicago. Specifically, SP+, LAZ Parking, Valet Parking Authority, MV Transportation Inc., Hilton O'Hare, Hotel Orrington, Hyatt Regency, Hyatt O'Hare, Metropolitan Valet, Valet Parking Authority, Valet Parking Services, Arlington Racecourse, Park One, Direct Employee Payment Co., and Hilton Magnificent Mile.

I ask that as the Mayor of this great city you step in and hold these companies accountable for their actions. At a minimum, the City should demand that these employers provide paid leave to employees who are unable to work due to the COVID pandemic.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss what you can do to help our hardworking Teamsters during this uncertain time.

Regards,

John Coli, Jr.

Secretary-Treasurer

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