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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Leaders,

On behalf of Amusement & Music Operators Association and the American Amusement Machine Association, we thank you for moving swiftly to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are small business owners, uniquely tied to the restaurant and entertainment industry, that provide jukeboxes and arcade games to establishments and share with those establishments the revenue generated. We touch all levels of the restaurant and bar industry. An industry, as you well know, which has been decimated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have a simple message; Do more to open lines of liquidity we can access so that we can meet payroll until the virus is no longer a threat.

The crisis is very real. We are feeling it now. We want to keep our employees. Without a cash infusion, we cannot.

These loans, if quickly and thoughtfully administered will be paid back, the alternative of collecting an unemployment check will not.

We know the cascading effects this will have on the economy, as pay stubs become unemployment checks. Previous efforts to help small businesses have focused on reimbursement by the federal government through refundable tax credits. Not only is the administrative burden attached to the credits substantial, the timeliness of the credits will be challenging.

We believe that by taking the following steps, quickly, will allow us, when it is safe, to reopen:

- Loan guarantees that ease a liquidity squeeze imposed by fixed costs in the face of nonexistent revenues.
- Relieving the burden of costs that are ongoing despite closures.
- Tax benefits to assist employers with providing support to employees.

We need your help now. We are in crisis and the crisis will become a tragedy without swift action to put money into the system and get it to small businesses.

Sincerely,

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