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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about my neighborhood. Most wealthy nations have opted to pay workers during the lockdown and keep inessential businesses large and small in stasis so that most can reopen once testing and medical resources are in place to begin a return to normalcy. The US has instead seen massive new unemployment and associated loss of health insurance along with political gamesmanship leaving the moves to keep our economy in place chaotic and currently out of funds. I worry that the many small retail shops, cafes, restaurants, bakeries and yoga studios that create my neighborhood will shutter leaving owners without the means to start anew and workers without the means to frequent any such attempts anyway. It is late and further delays mean more losses.

*Please assure me that Congress will act or fund local efforts to keep neighborhood businesses from collapse.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our vibrant streets.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson