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The Honorable Glenn Hegar
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
PO Box 13528, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: Deferral of Sales Tax, Mixed Beverage Sales Tax, and Mixed Beverage Gross Receipts
Tax Collections

Dear Comptroller Hegar,

I strongly urge you consider deferral of sales tax, mixed beverage sales tax, and mixed beverage gross receipts tax collections from small and family owned businesses during this outbreak. Our fellow Texans in the service and hospitality industry are currently being hit the hardest by this crisis. Deferring or suspending the payment of these taxes will hopefully allow these businesses to survive and weather this crisis, and the economic downturn it may bring.

Unfortunately, we are experiencing unprecedented events, unlike anything any business owner could have foreseen or planned for. It is heartbreaking to think of all the family businesses that are considering permanently shutting down, or that do not see a light at the end of this tunnel.

Texans are incredibly resilient, and I know we will come out stronger on the other side of this. We cannot let our main street business shutter if we can help them. Please consider doing everything in your power to help with the cash crunch currently being felt by our small businesses, especially those in the service and hospitality industry. I know Texans will remember your compassion, leadership, and bravery when this is all said and done.

If you have any questions about this matter and request, please do not hesitate to contact my office. I look forward to hearing from you.

Keep the Faith, Keep the Fight!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Borris L. Miles".

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