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Dear Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am lucky to be the leader of three companies that employs over 130 people. Part of being a leader is a sense of indebtedness to those that you lead. It's responsibility for their welfare and well-being. Being unemployed or furloughed is, to say, emasculating. Most everyone received unemployment in a sort of timely manner but would have rather had the dignity of working. Some we're still working. A few did not receive unemployment. Unfortunately, from our company point of view we have been unable use our PPP money. We've had 8 weeks with no income. Confusing state direction and guidelines for assistance did not help matters. My company has been held hostage by the inability to open. Our safety and sanitization procedures will meet and exceed all government standards. Yet, the governor's indecisiveness on private schools and delays opening the salons further exacerbates the already frustrating situation. It's good to be opened.

Eric Fisher

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