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Good afternoon Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Hardesty, Rubio, Ryan, Mapps,

We expressed last week our disappointment that the Portland Fall BMP did not include any small business relief and are following up with a letter (attached) further detailing the specific needs of small businesses during this critical COVID-recession time. We urge you to provide support to the small retailers and restaurants that define Portland who have been hit hardest by the pandemic.

Small business relief is imperative to an equitable economic recovery for our City.

Thank you for your public service during this critical time.

Signed with urgency,

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