Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

March 25, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write in support of Missouri Governor Mike Parson's request for a federal emergency disaster declaration authorized by the Stafford Act for the State of Missouri as a result of COVID-19.

As of today, Missouri has 255 confirmed cases and five deaths as a result of the virus. In many Missouri communities, efforts to prevent and mitigate the spread of the virus are constrained by inadequate access to resources, including personal protective equipment. Businesses have been adversely affected by this virus, leaving workers and business owners without income. Multiple sectors of industry and state and local governments lack the capacity to counteract the negative economic impacts caused by the virus. Access to federal resources may better equip Missouri communities to appropriately respond to this public health emergency.

We respectfully request your prompt action to ensure that our communities receive the immediate support needed to respond to this unprecedented disaster. Along with our fellow Missourians, we appreciate your attention to this request and stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Sincere regards,

Roy Blunt

United States Senator

Josh Hawley

United States Senator

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