Dear Friend,

As Alabama begins to feel the major economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak, I am focused on making sure small businesses and their workers have the support they need to get through this crisis.

That’s why I’m writing to update you on important resources that are available through the Small Business Administration (SBA) to small businesses that are suffering from the economic effects of the coronavirus outbreak.

Many businesses in Alabama are eligible for the SBA's Economic Impact Disaster Loan program.

If you are a small business owner who needs assistance during this outbreak I encourage you to take action immediately. First, read this SBA fact sheet. Then, visit the SBA website to begin your application.

Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

My office is ready to help however we can during this time. If you run into a problem once you have submitted your application, or if you need help with another issue related to the federal government, I encourage you to contact my office at: (205) 254-1960.

I also want to give you a brief update on what I am working on in the House to deal with this crisis:

- Earlier this month, I voted to pass a bipartisan $8.3 billion emergency funding bill to make sure Alabama and public health providers have the resources they need to combat the coronavirus outbreak.
- I also voted to pass a second coronavirus economic relief package that guarantees free coronavirus testing and expands benefits for Americans impacted by this crisis, including sick leave and unemployment benefits.
- Senator Jones and I urged Gov. Kay Ivey to extend unemployment benefits for workers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.
- This week, I introduced legislation to help provide necessary relief for rural hospitals and medical providers as the coronavirus spreads in Alabama.

I’m doing everything I can to try to make sure no business is forced to close down or let go of workers because of this crisis.
If you want to share your thoughts about an issue that’s important to you, you can send me an email at any time using the form on my website. You can also follow me on Facebook and Twitter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

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