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Governor Beshear,

On behalf of the 1,700 businesses and organizations that GLI represents, thank you for your leadership and the proactive steps you have taken to keep Kentuckians safe and mitigate harm to our economy during this crisis. Please know that GLI is working diligently to keep members of our community informed on all new governmental actions and policy changes in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you can imagine, we are receiving many questions from employers in greater Louisville about the necessary steps your administration has taken in recent days. We have greatly appreciated the cooperation of your team in helping us respond to our members. To streamline this process, we would like to propose the creation of a state hotline specific for business and industry impacted by the pandemic. Indiana created a hotline for this very purpose following Governor Holcomb's "Stay-at-Home" order yesterday afternoon. The hotline could be used to respond to questions on issues such as life-sustaining services and businesses, unemployment insurance, and proper procedures for keeping employees safe. The creation of a business and industry hotline, staffed with trained experts, would be of immense value to employers, small businesses, and business organizations like GLI and would send a powerful message to the business community as a whole.

If your team would like to discuss this idea further or if there is anything GLI can do to help, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO