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Dear Mayor Goodell,

The coronavirus pandemic is an unprecedented and unexpected financial strain on the cities of Orange County. I recognize the burden placed on municipalities with populations under 500,000 and the need for the federal government to provide direct financial aid.

During this national emergency, it's more important than ever that our local, state, and federal officials work in partnership. I appreciate the work that your city has already done for our constituents. As a result of that help and the adherence to public health guidelines, I know your city has lost revenue and had increased expenses. I commend you for prioritizing our neighbors' health and safety, and I am committed to working to get the funding that is needed to keep our first responders and other city services doing their crucial work.

I appreciate your support for the letter that we delivered to Congressional leaders in both parties. They need to hear your voice, as a dedicated local official, to understand the urgency of federal help for cities. I am proud to represent you and your constituents and I stand ready, as always, to work together to improve the lives of Orange County families. Please stay in contact with my office by emailing my District Director, Lauren Bloom, at lauren.bloom@mail.house.gov.

Stay safe and strong during this challenging time.

Very truly yours,



Katie Porter, Member of Congress
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