

## A Small Business Owner Pleads for Washington to Help Main Street

The Chamber has been advocating for months that Washington must deliver additional support to help Americans get through the pandemic. We pointed out the data, but a personal story can convey what so many Americans are going through.

**One small business owner's story:** “On March 19th, I wrote the hardest letter I've ever had to write: a letter terminating 182 dedicated team members from our ranks,” explained Jeff Good, co-owner of three restaurants in Jackson, MS, and a member of the Chamber's Small Business Council, for [CNN.com](https://www.cnn.com).

Yet because of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in the CARES Act passed earlier this year, Jeff's restaurants “found rent and salary support that allowed us to pay the bills and rehire our furloughed workforce.”

But with the numbers of COVID infections surging across the country, economic activity is slowing, meaning businesses like Jeff's need more help.

“Main Street businesses are suffering mightily, and many were dealt a deadly blow in the first wave. The federal government must do all it can to support those still fighting so they are not casualties of this next wave. That means more stimulus,” he wrote.

**Bottom line:** Americans like Jeff need help now. Washington must support bipartisan efforts to enact pandemic relief in the coming weeks.

“As a small business owner, I plead that Congress and the executive branch coalesce around a new stimulus package that provides support — like the PPP — to those who can prove they truly need it,” Good wrote.

**Take action:** Send a note to your Representatives in Congress urging them to support a bipartisan pandemic relief bill by using the [Chamber's “one-click” advocacy platform](#).