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Honorable Brad Little
Governor of Idaho
Honorable Jani Revier
Director of the Idaho Department of Labor

Dear Governor Little and Director Revier,

On behalf of the 4,000 NFIB-member, small-business owners in Idaho, I am writing in support of the state's plan to transfer \$200 million of CARES Act funding to shore up the state's unemployment trust fund.

The whole art to restoring the nation's economy begins with luring small-business owners back to re-open and re-hire and one of the most important ways to do that is to not hit them with additional costs. Your plan to use CARES Act money instead of raising their unemployment insurance taxes is the right one to take.

In the last national survey of the NFIB membership taken August 17-18, 47% of small-business owners anticipated needing additional financial support over the next 12 months—financial support just to maintain things as they are.

States that can resist piling on more costs, such as UI tax increases, will be the ones to emerge faster from the coronavirus-induced recession. Small business thanks you for taking the right approach to solving the UI Trust Fund shortfall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Budge". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Suzanne Budge
Idaho State Director
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