**SAMPLE LETTER TO SEND TO MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL**

Subject: RE: Item #2 – Mayor’s Proposed America Rescue Plan Act Framework and Funding Priorities

Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of <insert business, neighborhood or industry representation> to express my support for the allocation of $30 million to small business recovery. By committing $30 million, the city will help to stabilize our business community and continue providing support desperately needed to offset the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.  Dedicating additional funding to our small business community will revitalize our downtown core and neighboring business corridors, the backbone of our local economy.

<insert comments and personal story on how COVID-19 has impacted you, your business, your industry, and/or neighborhood. Insert comments on how $30 million in ARPA funds will help alleviate small business impacts.>

I applaud the Mayor’s efforts to allocate additional funding for our small business community and to strategically rebuild the city’s economy. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to helping our businesses and economy recover. We look forward to the Council discussion tonight and urge your support on this matter.

Thank you,

<name>

<business or org>

<District #>