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To: Honorable Members of the Michigan House Local Government Committee

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RE: Support HB 5766 – Property Tax Appeal Extension

The Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent stay at home orders have created an economic crisis the likes which hasn't been seen in decades in Michigan. Overnight, the number one issue of many small businesses went from lack of workers to how to pay the bills. HB 5766 would provide some relief, however small, to these businesses.

As businesses slowly prepares to reopen, adjust their business models, and implement proper safety protocols in order to keep their employees and customers safe, having to appeal an unfair property tax assessment by May 31 represents an undue hardship.

While This short-term extension could be one of the factors that allow a small business to remain afloat, which in the long-term, is better for local and state revenues.

Given the current situation, HB 5766 is quite simply one of many appropriate and necessary actions the legislature and state can take to help our economy recover, which in turn, benefits all Michigan citizens.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me further, please contact me at 517-927-1058 or [Amanda.fisher@nfib.org](mailto:Amanda.fisher@nfib.org).

Thank you for your support of small business!