

April 2, 2020

Dear Governor Walz,

During this time of crisis, Minnesota employers have been doing all that they can to ensure the health and safety of their employees and their customers while also trying to maintain the on-going viability of their businesses. We understand the need for the difficult decisions made to mitigate and slow the health impacts of COVID-19. As a result, many businesses have been required to shutter their doors or have seen a tremendous drop in their revenue. This is placing a serious strain on the continuing viability of some employers. We appreciate the forthcoming financial assistance at the federal and state level, and believe more can be done on a short-term basis to prevent further economic hardship and hasten business recovery.

We respectfully request the enactment by your administration of a 60-day extension of the May 15th property tax payment for business property taxpayers without incurring penalty and interest. There are compelling and timing reasons to do so:

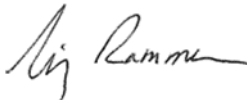
- Many businesses are experiencing severe cash flow issues and will not have the resources to pay their May 15th payment. A delay will be extremely helpful for continuity of operations and will allow impacted businesses to focus on retaining employees and paying other fixed expenses.
- A 60-day delay will allow for businesses to be able to access federal and state resources that they may be eligible for but may not be able to access immediately.
- Businesses in virtually every industry, all sizes and throughout Minnesota have been negatively impacted. We recommend action be taken by the Governor and Commissioner of Revenue so there is uniformity across the state versus a county-by-county approach.

We look forward to our continued partnership with the Administration during these unprecedented times to ensure the safety of Minnesotans and to help Minnesota's economy come back stronger than ever.

Sincerely,



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Commerce



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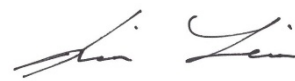
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Local chambers in support of a 60-day extension for payment of May 15 business property taxes:

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| Albert Lea Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce | Lanesboro Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center |
| Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce | Laurentian Chamber of Commerce |
| Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce | Leech Lake Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce | Litchfield Chamber of Commerce |
| Austin Area Chamber of Commerce | Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Bemidji Chamber of Commerce | Lonsdale Chamber of Commerce |
| Blue Earth Area Chamber of Commerce | Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Brainerd Lakes Chamber | MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce |
| Burnsville Chamber of Commerce | Moose Lake Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Cannon Falls Chamber of Commerce | New Ulm Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Cloquet Chamber of Commerce | Northfield Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce | Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism |
| Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce | Pipestone Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce | Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce |
| East Grand Forks/Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce | Redwood Area Chamber & Tourism |
| Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce | River Heights Chamber of Commerce |
| Elk River Area Chamber of Commerce | Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce | Saint Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism | Shakopee Chamber & Visitors Bureau |
| Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce | Southwest Metro Chamber of Commerce |
| Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce | Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce |
| Grand Rapids Area Chamber | TwinWest Chamber of Commerce |
| Greater Mankato Growth Inc. | Waconia Chamber of Commerce |
| Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau | Waseca Chamber of Commerce |
| Hermantown Area Chamber of Commerce | White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce | Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce |
| International Falls Chamber of Commerce | Winona Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Lake City Chamber of Commerce | Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce |
| | Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce |