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Dear NYC Council Members representing Queens:

Re: PETITION TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS JOBS SURVIVAL ACT (SBJSA)

On March 25, the Queens Civic Congress joined with the Small Business Congress, the MinKwon Center, the Korean American Small Business Service Center, NY Women's Chamber of Commerce and several Queens business and civic groups to call the public's attention and NYC Council delegation's attention to a rising crisis in Queens with regard to our local small business.

Statistically the city each day on average is losing about 35 businesses and all the jobs that they generate. That equates to about 1,000 businesses a month, each supporting approximately 8 jobs. In other words, in New York City alone, that's about 8,000 jobs lost each month, primarily because city landlords have been increasing rents at unconscionable rates. Businesses are faced with raising prices to levels that are not competitive or sustainable, and eventually going out of business.

"Our Queens businesses, being the largest employer of Queens' residents, the foundation of our local economy, and the primary stabilizing force of every neighborhood in Queens, must be preserved and protected from unfair, manipulated or failed market forces. Therefore, we call upon all Queens lawmakers to make a priority to find a real solution quickly, one which will level the playing field for our businesses when their leases expire, and one which will allow them to again bargain in good faith to negotiate fair lease terms and make a reasonable profit for their hard work and investment".

The Queens Civic Congress is calling on our NYC delegation from Queens to join with the Queens members of the City Council Small Business Committee and sign onto to the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA). We, the undersigned civics of Queens, agree with the Small Business Congress that this legislation is the best of the four introductions that are under consideration. The SBJSA is the only bill that will actually give city small businesses some rights when dealing with their landlords and will guarantee at least a possibility of survival.

Below are the signatures of several leaders of Queens civic associations, your constituents and supporters, urging you to sign on to this critical bill. With 27 council members already signed on, your support will be critical to get the leadership to move this bill. Please join the supporters of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act as soon as possible.

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Bayside Hills Civic Assoc.
Bayside Historical Society
Bayswater Civic Association
Bay Terrace Community Alliance, Inc.
Bay Terrace Cooperative Section #1
Bell Park Manor Terrace
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Belle Harbor Property Owners Assn.
Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Assoc.
Bellerose-Hillside Civic Assoc.
Bowne Park Civic Assoc.
Briarwood Community Assoc.
Broadway-Flushing Homeowners
Cambria Heights Civic Association
Central Queens Historical Association
Clearview Gardens
C.O.M.E.T.
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Deerfield Area Civic Association
Doug-Bay Manor Civic Assoc.
Douglas Manor Association
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Flushing on the Hill Taxpayers Assn.
Forest Hills Crescents Assoc.
Forest Hills - Van Court Assoc.
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Kew Gardens Improvement Association
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Little Neck Pines
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North Hills Estates Civic Assoc.
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Woodside Community Council

Other Organizations

NYS Federation of Hisp COC
Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce
USA Bodegas Association
El Taller Latino Americano
New York Grocers Association
NY Hispanic Cosmetology & Beauty COC
Coalition for Fair Business Rents
Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce
Dominican American Travel Agents
Junction Boulevard Merchants Association
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North White Plains Road
Latinos in Information Services and Tech
Association

Mosholu-Jerome Merchants Association
Small Business Congress
Jetro Food Centers
The Artist Studio Affordability Project
Queens Cty Progressives Democratic Club
Jackson Heights Business & Prof. Assoc.
NYCC Labor Council
Dominican American Chamber of Commerce
Neighborhood Cleaners Association
Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce
Dominican Society of Queens
Columbian Chamber of Commerce
Korean American Small Business Service
Center

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MinKwon Center for Community Action
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Neighborhoods United
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Forest Hills Civic Association
Dominican American Business Network
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