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*Sent via electronic mail*

Re: Business disruption due to COVID-19

Dear Friends,

My City Council colleagues and I write in the belief that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic requires ongoing coordination and cooperation among the government, business, and non-profit sectors. We believe that includes your organizations—which are so intertwined in the social and economic fabric of Philadelphia—and City Council. Moreover, Philadelphia’s stadium complex is headquartered in the Second Council District, which I represent, and my undersigned colleagues and I all have countless constituents who are diehard fans and even employees.

We applaud your organizations and your leagues’ governing bodies for making difficult economic choices, including suspension of competition schedules, in response to this pandemic. At the same time, we have worked with our state and federal partners to do our part, mobilizing emergency health, social services, and safety-net initiatives, including expanded eligibility for unemployment benefits.

Nevertheless, based upon conversations with hourly workers at locations such as the stadium complex, it is clear that we must do more to support Philadelphians, especially workers who have suddenly and indefinitely lost income. We will continue to ramp up intergovernmental efforts to expand support for such workers. At the same time, we urge you to work cooperatively with



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Aramark to help employees to offset lost compensation by providing shutdown pay and maintaining benefits. Our understanding is that Aramark manages concessions on a fee basis but passes along costs including labor costs, which would readily lend itself to an arrangement with your organizations as its clients.

Of course, we stand ready to discuss and assist however necessary. Thank you for your careful consideration during this ongoing, rapidly evolving crisis.

Sincerely,

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