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To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development;
others

Re: [HB 5032]...*Small Businesses need your help. Wildfire prevention should be everyone's concern!*

Good morning!

A couple of thoughts for your consideration.

Small Businesses:

I know the sufferings of Small Businesses is on your minds particularly due to the disastrous effects of COVID-19 and Wildfires.

*Consider "Total Forgiveness" of all Utility Costs for small businesses.

Establish a **Small Business Utility Forgiveness Fund**, separate and distinct from the General Fund, which permits legislative appropriations, Federal Money and any and all donations for the aforementioned Small Business utility forgiveness..

Wildfire Prevention:

*Consider creating a variation of the **Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)** hiring unemployed young people, even those incarcerated in the Youth Authority; to clear out brush and other debris which would fuel a wildfire due to a spark or other material defect in electrical transmission lines which would ignite a conflagration.

Establish a **Civilian Conservation Corps Fund**, separate and distinct from the General Fund, which permits legislative appropriations, Federal Money and any and all donations for the aforementioned Wildfire Prevention.

Respectfully submitted

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