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The Honorable Rod Dembowski
King County Council
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Chair Dembowski,

On behalf of the City of Shoreline, I would like to thank you for the King County Council's adoption of a supplemental budget to address COVID-19 impacts. The Economic Development Relief Program, and specifically the funding allocated for economic development in cities, will help us take critical steps to support our local businesses. We share your belief that prioritizing support for local businesses is fundamental to getting through these challenging times. We have established an internal COVID-19 Business Response Team and, in collaboration with partners around the region and at the federal level, we are exploring every avenue possible to bring additional support to our community.

I also want to express our appreciation for the recent legislation approving emergency funding for music and other cultural venues. Platinum artists from every decade have been produced at Shoreline studios such as the House of Breaking Glass in North City and London Bridge Studios in the Ballinger Commercial Center. Last year we also welcomed Aurora Borealis, a 300-person capacity music and dining venue, to our Town Center. These, and other venues, have an important catalytic effect on the quality of life and economy of our community.

Thank you again for the County's supportive action during this COVID-19 crisis. We hope, as you also expressed, that all communities can fully recover and thrive once again.

Sincerely,

Mayor Will Hall