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Governor Mike Parson State Capitol Building 201 West Capitol Avenue Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Parson,

As a member of the 100th General Assembly I believe the threat faced to this state by COVID-19 is enormous, and I acknowledge the incredible challenges presented by the virus for families, health care workers, and businesses. The cost of this pandemic has been dire not only in the lives that have been lost, but also with the massive disruption we have seen for Missourians and Missouri businesses in all parts of the state.

As we all do our part to help mitigate the spread and impact of COVID-19, I know there are simple steps we can take to support our struggling businesses, as well as the hospitals and health care workers trying to keep Missourians safe. Right now there are numerous small businesses afraid to open because of the threat of litigation tied to COVID-19. Additionally, many of our hospitals and health care professionals are asking us to help them to better be able to do their jobs by passing commonsense COVID-19 liability protections.

If we are to give our state the best chance to recover from this ongoing pandemic, it's imperative that we take on these issues sooner rather than later. For that reason, I ask that you include COVID-19 liability in the call for this upcoming special session so that our businesses can open, and our frontline healthcare workers can feel safe as they take on the critical responsibility of providing care for those who need it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rob Vescovo

State Representative, District 112