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Dear Office of Governor Murphy,

I am contacting you today to request your consideration that federal relief funds be used to offset the pending \$250 million Unemployment Insurance tax hike set to take effect on October 1, 2021.

Since the pandemic hit New Jersey, I have admired your ability to steer our State through such a difficult period. I know you're aware of the struggles faced by the business owners of New Jersey who have made financial sacrifices in the name of public health and safety. I believe using federal relief funds to help our businesses that are just returning to some sense of normalcy from the initial shock of the pandemic is an appropriate mechanism to keep our economy healthy.

An increase in the unemployment insurance tax would be another hit to the business community that federal relief funds could offset. Other states have taken this route, and I hope we follow suit to keep New Jersey working.

Thank you for your time on this matter. I realize that funding is not unlimited, but I hope that your office will give this suggestion some heavy consideration as we look to help our businesses rebound from a once-in-a-lifetime emergency that led to a sharp decrease in revenue due to the pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annette Chaparro".

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