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Dear Missouri Congressional Delegation:

Across our great country, states are facing a new economic reality due to the challenges presented by COVID-19. High unemployment rates and low state revenues are among the pitfalls Missouri has had to navigate, and these challenges are not unique to Missouri.

The voters of our great state have long understood the importance of proper budgeting. Due to their efforts, we have strong measures in our state constitution. Missouri cannot deficit spend and our governor has the power to withhold funds. Missouri is also restricted by Amendment 5, also known as the Hancock Amendment. The Hancock Amendment responsibly restrains taxation and subsequently restrains spending at both the state and local levels. This amendment continues to drive sound financial discipline throughout our annual budget process. It is because of this responsible measure that Missouri continues to have a AAA credit rating. Despite the COVID-19 virus and our state's lack of general revenue, we will ultimately maintain a practical approach when it comes to Missouri's economy.

Meanwhile, some states have chosen a path of careless tax, spend and borrow policies in lieu of sound economic decision-making. New York continues to be at, or near, the top of the country when it comes to taxing its people. It was less than ten years ago that California filed for bankruptcy protection, while local municipalities continued to overly-tax their citizens. California is yet again in dire straits, having not learned its lesson, and it is not alone. Illinois continues to throw taxpayer dollars at a failing public pension system. New York, California, Illinois and other states are asking for financial forgiveness. During these times of economic hardship, Missouri cannot afford to take on the budgetary blunders of other states. Multi-trillion dollar bailouts are an unacceptable solution to the financial woes of individual states.

We take our jobs as elected officials, put into office by the people of Missouri, very seriously. Our responsibility is to Missourians, and we will continue to humbly serve our constituents. As representatives of the people of Missouri, we ask you to reject any bailout requests considered by Congress.

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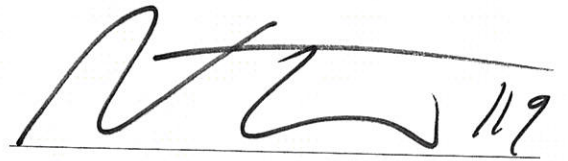
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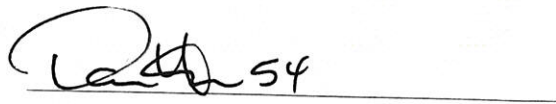
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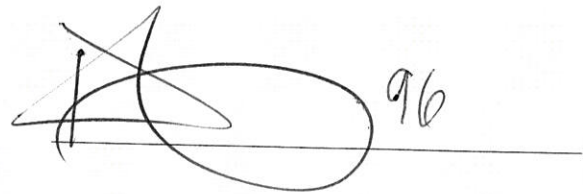
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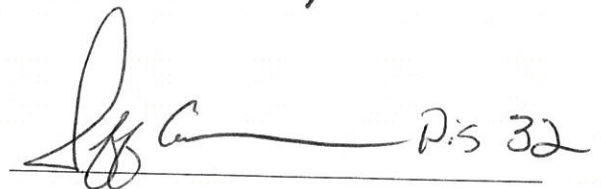
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