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Last week, the U.S. Department of the Treasury in cooperation with the Small Business Administration (SBA) launched the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) as part of the CARES Act to assist small businesses with financial challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We urge you to access the link below to learn more about the PPP as well as other SBA programs. <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

At present, we have a team of professionals from across our institution working diligently to learn more about this emergency government assistance program since its introduction on March 27, 2020. Our team is responding to updated guidance and clarification published by the SBA and adjusting processes almost daily. We are committed to doing all that we can to help our customers but realize that we may not be able to help in every situation. Your patience and understanding are appreciated as we manage continued heavy demand and consider our capital limitations.

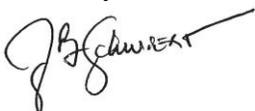
Through our communications with the South Carolina Bankers Association, the American Bankers Association, and our peers, we are learning that most financial institutions (including the SBA) are experiencing these same challenges.

In the event you want to seek access to the PPP through an alternative source, we have provided a list of SBA lenders that may be able to help you. Again, we must caution you that all sources appear to be overwhelmed with some institutions delaying additional applications until they process those already in hand. Applying with more than one lender may cause further delays with your application at the SBA. Below are a few of the PPP lenders available online:

- Kabbage – <https://www.kabbage.com/paycheck-protection-program-loans/>
- Fountainhead Commercial Capital – <https://www.fountainheadcc.com/>
- Nymbus SmartLenders – <https://nymbus.com/smartlenders/?undefined>
- Live Oak Bank - <https://www.liveoakbank.com/paycheck-protection-program-sign-up/>
- Sunrise Banks - <https://sunrisebanks.com/paycheck-protection-program/>
- Lendio - <https://www.lendio.com/covid-relief/sba-paycheck-protection-program-loans/>

To our customers, shareholders, and our community – thank you for your continued business and support. These are truly unprecedented times in our industry, and we certainly appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,



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