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Subject: COVID-19 Waiving of Late Payment Charges on Tax Arrears

Dear Mayor and Chatham-Kent Council:

As the local Voice of Business, representing 350 Chatham-Kent businesses of all sectors, we recognize the many hardships and challenges put upon business and citizen due to the ongoing and lingering pandemic. While we have all hoped this crisis would be long behind us, sadly it continues to bear burden on all. As we have all witnessed, we do not have to tell you of the countless challenges put upon our business community, time and time again.

The proposed waiving of late payment charges on tax installments would be a silver lining that Council can adopt in support of our local business community, their owners, managers and employees at large. Should any of the aforementioned be struggling, adopting this recommendation will be met with a breath of relief. While we recognize this does not eliminate payment, it will send a positive message in providing some flexibility and understanding to our taxpayers.

We recognize the challenges put on many at the present time and trust that we are all in this together.

Yours in Prosperity,

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