



# EAGLE PASS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- *Front Door to the Community* -

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Dear Valued Chamber Member/Friend:

I hope this message finds you healthy during these challenging, unprecedented times. The COVID-19 global pandemic has impacted everyone, and your Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is no exception. The challenges being faced by individuals, businesses, and communities are daunting and difficult to cope with.

Since May, 1926, the Chamber has served our business community uninterrupted. Through this crisis we have been committed to advocate for our members and region. The challenges we all face and the uncertainty of what lies ahead has led the Chamber Executive Committee to reluctantly make the difficult decision to take temporary measures and suspend our present operations so we can continue serving our community as soon as financial resources allow.

In an effort to ensure the future of the Chamber, effective Monday, May 18, 2020, the three Chamber staff members will be on a temporary furlough/layoff. Amid the COVID-19 impact on our community, Staff has been working tirelessly on your behalf, serving as the voice of your business and all members. Staff has made efforts to stimulate the local economy, acted as an advocate for business across our region, and have been available to provide critical information and resources not only to Chamber members but to the community-at-large.

As it has affected businesses, service providers, non-profits, governmental entities, etc., the unprecedented COVID-19 circumstance has devastated the Chamber financially. To fund the Chamber, we rely on revenue generated from our events, programs, membership dues, and City reimbursement from hotel occupancy taxes for services provided. In addition, chambers of commerce have not been eligible for federal stimulus funds available to 501(c)3 and 501(c)19 non-profit organizations and other small businesses. Temporarily suspending our workforce will allow us to continue serving our business community as soon as resources become available to bring back our full team.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Together, we will tackle this challenge (and whatever the future may bring) to ensure our community gets through this difficult time and thrives.

Respectfully,

William W. Davis  
President