

Emilie Voight

From: Alissa Lyon <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 4:51 PM
To: Emilie Voight
Subject: In favor of micro loans

Hi-

I am a resident of Columbia Heights, [REDACTED], and own my own petcare business as well. Our city has seen dramatically lower spend at business during and after Metro Surge, and I support the Economic Support Micro Loan program currently under consideration. Many storefront business were hit hard, in both employee absenteeism and customers unwilling to risk going out to shop. I can think of at least 20 businesses that had to shut down, or limit hours, for several months. If Columbia Heights can help these businesses stay afloat through micro loans I support this!

Alissa Lyon

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From: Jennifer M Pyper-Muno, LMT She/Her <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 7:06 PM
To: Emilie Voight
Subject: Forgivable loans the EDA is considering

Hi Emilie,

I just wanted to say I am in support for the of forgivable loans to some of our hardest hit business impacted by operation Metro Surge. Our small businesses are the life blood of our community. As a small business owner myself during the COVID 19 pandemic I was made to close my doors for 3 months. I don't know what i would have done had I not been able to get unemployment during that time. I am a solo business so I didn't have employees to figure out how to pay, not to mention rent and all that. I know these forgivable loans won't make up for all of the losses some of business suffered but I hope it will help ease some of the burden they were put through these past few month.

Thank you for listening.

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From: Linda Schumacher <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 4:35 PM
To: Emilie Voight
Subject: Economic Support Microloan Program supporter

Hello,

I am a resident of Columbia Heights. As an observer who was active in legal activities to document ICE's activities in Columbia Heights, I saw first hand every day how the activity negatively impacted businesses. As someone who frequents coffee shops and restaurants, I have asked the staff and owners about how their businesses were impacted - every single person said that their businesses were doing very poorly as a result of the ICE raids. A great number of their employees could not come to work for fear of being abducted. And a large percent of their customers were not coming in for the same reason.

I love our coffee shops and restaurants and other small businesses. I want them all to thrive and if the reason that they are struggling is something that was completely out of their control, and also something done by our own government, then I do think it is fair that we find ways to help cover their losses.

For this reason, I am in support of the Economic Support Microloan Program. I cannot attend the meeting on April 6 in person, so I am sending this email instead.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Linda Schumacher
[REDACTED]

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From: Nathan Maghan <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 9:43 PM
To: Emilie Voight
Subject: Economic Support Microloan

Hello,

I am a local business owner and tax paying citizen.

I am writing in strong opposition of the proposed distribution of tax payer money to businesses that either voluntarily closed, harbored or employed illegal immigrants, or claimed economic impact.

I believe elected officials and their appointed committees primary purpose should be putting the tax paying citizen first and innovate ways to lower taxes.

We do not need new ways to spend money and further raise taxes.

I would like to be sent the names and public office contact information of the representative(s) that are responsible for bringing such a treasonous motion to committee.

In my opinion they are not serving the interests of Columbia Heights and its tax paying residents. They will not have my vote in any future election and I will do my best to inform my fellow residents of the need for new leadership.

Nathan Maghan
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Columbia Heights

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From: Sheryl Beck <[REDACTED]@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 7:20 AM
To: Emilie Voight
Cc: [REDACTED]@myctl.net
Subject: Metro surge loans

I find it down right absurd that our city thinks it is ok to spend our Tax dollars on a matter that is not a benefit to all the citizens. As a disabled senior who has to stick to a strict budget to remain in my home. Every year is a new struggle to do so when our property taxes skyrocket. Perhaps the city should spend more time on reducing spending and making life easier for all the tax payers.

Sincerely,
Sheryl Beck