

Dear Friends,

This is a difficult time – our health is at jeopardy and many of us are worried about our financial security, especially if the current situation extends for a number of weeks or even months. I urge everyone to follow the sound scientific advice of the CDC and other public health experts and the measures put in place by our Governor and Mayor. Let's each look out for our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and those in our community whom we do not know personally but may especially need our assistance. In the coming days, weeks, and months, I will work with my colleagues in government to help us navigate the difficult path ahead. Together, we will get to a better day.

In the meantime, a word of thanks to some of the many people who are carrying on, often putting themselves at considerable personal risk while they do their jobs:

- Health care workers, particularly those treating people who are ill with the coronavirus.
- Grocery store workers who are keeping the shelves stocked and ensuring that we have access to food.
- Police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who are dedicated to saving lives and maintaining order.
- Pharmacists who are supplying us with our necessary medications.
- Sanitation workers who are making sure that our trash continues to be picked up.
- Custodians who are cleaning our workplaces so that those places that need to stay open remain as safe as possible for those working there.
- Clergy who are providing us spiritual guidance, comfort, and wisdom.

Of course, this is only a partial list and there are many others to add to it.

Please reach out if there is anything I can do to help. I hope that everyone stays healthy and safe!

Thanks,

Marc