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**Congress of the United States**  
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December 2, 2020

The Honorable Wanda Vázquez-Garced  
Governor of Puerto Rico

Dear Governor Vázquez-Garced:

I write to bring to your attention a proposal submitted by the Puerto Rico Restaurant Association (ASORE) for financial assistance to restaurants in Puerto Rico affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As you are aware, this industry has been one of the most affected by the measures imposed to stem the pandemic.

Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act created a Coronavirus Relief Fund assigned to states and territories government to manage economic challenges tied to the pandemic. Puerto Rico received an allocation of \$2.24 billion under this fund that are set to expire on December 31, 2020.

On October 5, ASORE submitted a proposal to create an assistance or incentive program for the restaurant industry using some of these funds. It is my understanding that this proposal is being reviewed by the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority (AAFAF).

Given the short time left to distribute the remaining Coronavirus Relief Fund, I ask you to swiftly work with appropriate stakeholders, including AAFAF, to finalize the review and consideration of the proposal submitted by ASORE. Please consider this request in accordance with all applicable laws, guidelines and regulations.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jenniffer González-Colón".

Jenniffer González-Colón  
Member of Congress

Cc: Omar Marrero, Executive Director, Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority