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Sent via Email to Evan Dreyer

On behalf of Mayor Hancock
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Dear Mayor Hancock,

As president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local Union, No. 7, which represents 23,000 workers throughout Colorado, I am writing to ask you to stand up for our hardworking families most at risk during the coronavirus outbreak.

Our UFCW members in grocery stores, retail establishments, food processing plants and healthcare workers are on the front lines, working around the clock to keep these businesses open and ensure that families in our communities have the essential food and supplies they need.

Keeping our communities healthy and safe is our first priority, but our members need strong worker protections like paid leave to continue doing these vital jobs.

Our members have been disappointed to see partisan gridlock slowing the response from Congress and limiting the relief proposals that have been voted on. While the Families First Coronavirus Response Act was intended to help American workers, its failure to provide essential paid leave for 80 percent of our country's workforce is deeply troubling.

With many companies also failing to strengthen their own paid leave policies for their workers, there has never been a greater need for strong leadership from you and your colleagues in Washington.

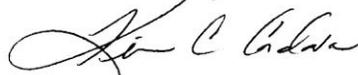
Today, on behalf of UFCW Local 7 and our 23,000 members, I am calling on you and your fellow members of Congress to do the right thing by amending the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to recognize our country's grocery, retail, and food processing workers as first responders.

In designating these hardworking men and women as first responders, we ask that you use the federal relief legislation to guarantee that all of these workers receive at least two weeks of paid leave. This will ensure that our members can continue to serve their communities without having to choose between their health and their paycheck.

Our families and communities need leaders with the courage to stand up for these workers and do the right thing by ensuring that they have paid leave and can continue to perform this essential work. These workers help to power Colorado's economy every day and their courage and dedication is needed now more than ever. We are asking you to stand with them now.

Please find attached the letter sent to Governor Polis. We are asking you for your assistance to help promulgate further emergency regulations which designate our workers and members as First Responders and help protect them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim C. Cordova". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "C".

Kim C. Cordova
UFCW Local 7, President
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