



Across the country, the need for social distancing has impacted many industries. Gymnastics club owner are scared, and our businesses are at high risk of financial disaster.

There are over 4000 gymnastics clubs across the United States. We employ over 200,000 gymnastics coaches and teachers, who work year round to keep children active, healthy and motivated. Our families are facing a long list of economic catastrophes: losing our homes, retirements, extreme debt/bankruptcy, inability to provide food for our children and/or pay for much needed health insurance. Cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak are cause of grave concern to all who work in the gymnastics industry. There is currently no paid time off/sick leave or unemployment for most small business owners, so many of us will be forced into bankruptcy. The need for an Economic Hardship package is immediate and we are reaching out for any help we can receive.

The United States Gymnastics Club Owners Association pleads with our elected officials to hear our cries for help as we not only see our own economic plight, but we also dread the possibility of us not being able to survive and continue to do what we do for the communities we serve. Most of our clubs welcome in babies as young as 6 months old and work with all ages of children, including thousands of Junior Olympic and Elite athletes that have devoted their life for dreams that currently feel unattainable.

We would like to suggest an immediate, nationwide 2-month freeze of mortgages and/or rent for our businesses, as well as for all homeowners and renters affected by these closures. We are following all government mandates, doing our due diligence to stop the spread of this vicious virus. Truth be told, nobody should suffer through this crisis. Please provide us some hope. We are currently losing 100% of our revenue, applying and repaying additional business loans cannot be an option for survival.

Your attention to our industry would be greatly appreciated.