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Subject: Permit Recommendations

Dear Kathleen Harder,

We currently have a downtown flower shop at 10th & K. We have been in business over twelve years. We have, over the last year and a half, eliminated our health care coverage, eliminated our monthly parking, key owner life insurance, moved to reduce our rent and finally let go or lost all our employees. There are now the two owners running the shop. We have tried everything to cut costs to survive in this terrible economy.

If water costs go up significantly, I'm sure the landlord would have to pass on that cost to us. As a flower shop, we use a lot of water. This is not the time to raise rates on anything even if it is for a good intention. Some things just have to wait. Trying to run a business these days is very precarious. We strongly urge you to hold off on your permit recommendations until our economy picks up more than it is now.

Sincerely,

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