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Statesboro Business Owners:

Dear Business Owners,

The year 2020 is one for the history books, and is a year which will soon be over, and hopefully brighter days are just over the horizon. We are hopeful the pandemic will be controlled with the advent of several vaccines and the economy will recover in our community in 2021; however, in the meantime we all must take steps to insure the safety and health of our families, employees, and our customers. The purpose of my letter is to ask for your assistance in encouraging everyone to comply with the CDC Guidelines to stop the spread of the COVID-19.

Statesboro has been fortunate to see a decline in the number of new cases for a couple of weeks; however, this week has seen an increase in the number of new cases. Bulloch County has confirmed 3869 positive cases and 56 deaths related to COVID-19. Overall the state of Georgia continues to see daily increases and we now have experienced more than 512,267 cases and over 9800 deaths. Georgia has the 7th highest total of confirmed cases in the country.

I am appealing to you to abide by the CDC guidelines and to encourage your families and customers to comply as well. I am hopeful the vaccine will be available before the summer of 2021 and until then it is all of our responsibility to slow the spread, and the best way to do that is wear a mask, social distance, and wash your hands.

Please allow me to use this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Jonathan McCollar Mayor