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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 10, 2023 City Council meeting on item 2023.MM6.1, Supporting Small Businesses: Calling on the Federal Government to Forgive a Portion of the Canada Emergency Business Account Loans - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

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Comments:

As a small business owner concerned by a somewhat uncertain economic and consumer future of the next year(s), some flexibility in the CEBA loan forgiveness + repayment plan is more than necessary. The repayment deadline will not be reachable for us due to slower-than-hoped recovery from COVID affected sales as well as challenging cost of living in our city, and as such the added interest on the entire debt will be a large and challenging added expense. A repayment plan with more flexibility could help solve this for many struggling business who risk of closing or, at the very least, unable to grow.

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