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We are writing regarding the rent abatement referendum that will be presented at the August 4th city commission meeting, The Key West Charter Boat Association is seeking your support. Forcing us close our business on or around March 17, 2020 was something that no one could have ever expected. Most of our members are family owned businesses and have no other income other than that derived from fishing. Since fishing was deemed non-essential, we complied. Recovery from the impact of not having income for over 2 months is unknown.

We are seeking relief from our rental obligation for the months of APRIL, MAY, JUNE and a prorata for March 2020.

Most of the tenants opted for the deferment as this was the only solution offered at the time. This created a new situation for most of us. The monthly rental rate is now higher and yet business is still down. The only solution to get us back on track would be to abate the rent for the months that we could not generate an income.

Any relief you can provide our organization would be greatly appreciated.

Due to the current structure of our businesses, as you will find with most fisherman, we did not qualify for the PPP grants.

Best Regards,

Captain Brice Barr, President
Captain Jamie J Snediker, VP

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