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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Reyna Chavez. I am the owner of Scrubs on the Run Medical Uniforms & Accessories, Inc. I have three retail stores that specialize in supplying medical uniforms for healthcare professionals. My stores are located in the cities of Oxnard, Ventura and Thousand Oaks.

I have been an active member of Women's Economic Ventures (WEV) for the past 8 years. With the resources provided by WEV, coaching, funding, networking and the connections they provide to key professionals needed to grow and succeed in a small business, I have been able to expand from one retail location to three, I am not only surviving in business, but I am now thriving. My business growth is positively impacting our local community every single day by proving employment opportunities and offering a local place for our healthcare heroes to shop.

When the Pandemic hit, I didn't feel alone, WEV was my greatest resource. They were there for me each step of the way, offering valuable resources, answering any questions that came up, as well as offering a very critical and quick turnaround loan that alleviated the financial burden that was initially sustained due to the Pandemic.

This year I celebrated 10 years of being in business and I could not image doing it without WEV by my side, their impact on our local small businesses is tremendous and I am forever grateful they exist.

With your continued support of Women's Economic Ventures, you are sure to continue hearing similar stories such as my own, dreams becoming reality for local families and businesses thriving in our community making a huge impact on our local economy.

Thank you for your time!

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