



Rep. Tom Emmer on Congressman Emmer thanks SBA District Director Brian McDonald on the House Floor

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Brian McDonald and his entire team at the Small Business Association's Minnesota District Office. In May 2020, at the height of the COVID pandemic, Brian took on an enormous challenge when he rose to the role of District Director for the SBA's Minnesota region. Brian and his team were charged with supporting Minnesota's 500,000 small businesses and their 1.3 million employees through one of the most challenging economic crises in our nation's history. Under Brian's leadership, the SBA Minnesota District Office team facilitated critical loans, provided valuable training, and served as true warrior advocates for businesses of all sizes during this difficult time. At the outset of the COVID-19 outbreak, Brian and I hosted a joint town hall where he helped my constituents understand how they could keep their small businesses afloat. Brian's participation was crucial, and his willingness to offer guidance and expertise is characteristic of his office's impressive work throughout the crisis. Brian, you and your team in the SBA's Minnesota District Office continue to work around the clock to help businesses in our state survive. We are grateful for all of your work, and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated SBA district presence in our state. Thank you for all you do.

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