

## Pat Kaluza

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**To:** Pat Kaluza  
**Subject:** Lawlessness Events Written Testimony

Hello,

My name is Dayana Lopez-Martinez and I'm a resident of Minneapolis, MN. I wanted to contact you today to provide written testimony regarding what your agenda refers to as "lawlessness events" and the resulting destruction of small businesses. Small businesses in Minneapolis want justice for George Floyd and meaningful public safety reforms such as those put forward by the POCI Caucus.

While many small businesses did experience damages to their premises as a result of police instigated violence against protesters in the wake of George Floyd's murder, I would urge you to listen to Minneapolis small business owners themselves, many of whom supported the protests and proclaimed that buildings can be replaced, George Floyd's life cannot. You can read some of their statements at the following links:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/05/30/us/minneapolis-business-support-protest-riot-gandhi-mahal-trnd/index.html>

<http://www.citypages.com/restaurants/gandhi-mahal-owner-let-my-building-burn-justice-needs-to-be-served/570866711>

As a resident of Downtown Minneapolis, I've experienced little to no destruction due to the wealth that surrounds my neighborhood and the increased militarized police and National Guard presence - which was unwarranted as the multi-million dollar companies that are in my neighborhood were never in danger. I fully support the protesters and ask that the dialogue you listen to is that of the affected - many of which do support the protests.

I have participated - and will continue to - in the rallying, cleaning up, donating supplies, and coming together to work for justice. Small businesses in Minneapolis want your response to this tragic moment in our state's history to be justice and real change, not vague pandering and willful ignorance of the real problem facing our state—systemic racism. Rebuilding can wait, justice cannot.

Best,

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