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VIA EMAIL

Dr. Robert Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM  
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Durham Region Health Department  
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Dear Dr. Kyle,

**RE: Providing small business owners and the Ontario Government with valuable data**

On behalf of the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade, I am writing regarding the power of data in the fight against COVID-19.

I would like to first thank you and the Durham Region Health Department for your leadership and partnership through this pandemic. Your presence at the Durham Economic Task Force table and our business-focused Q&As have helped tremendously in keeping our membership informed. The Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade is asking for the health department to help further inform the business community about the status of the pandemic in our region.

The COVID-19 Data Tracker currently provides information regarding Workplace and Community Event Outbreaks and allows users to break down the exposure source by workplace contact. However, employer size is a missing and crucial piece of information.

We ask that you please begin to include employer size in your Workplace Outbreak data tables. This will provide valuable data about how this virus is moving through our community and identify areas where more support and education may be required.

I thank you for the opportunity to represent the voice and needs of our members and stakeholders.

Sincerely,



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