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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I represent the Unified Tattoo and Body Art Shops of San Francisco. Please support Supervisor Stefani's legislation to waive 2020 registration and license fees for businesses ordered to close down by the health officer. In 2020 there were 84 registered Body Art facilities and 412 licensed Tattoo and Body Art practitioners. Annual facility registration is \$1710 and individual licenses are \$125. **All fees for Tattoo and Body Art for 2020 could be waived for \$195,140.**

San Francisco's Tattoo and Body Art community is extremely diverse. More than half of our businesses are owned by women and people of color. Over one third of licensed Body Art Practitioners are women, one third are people of color and many are both. Our community also has a significant number of queer and trans shop owners and practitioners.

Since 2019 the City has seen 16 Body Art businesses dissolve. It is unknown if they disappeared or merely went underground. Our sector is unable to participate in the Shared Spaces program and we have not qualified for grants and loans. We were closed for seven months in 2020 and over one month, so far, in 2021. These unpredictable closures wreak havoc on our ability to maintain our clientele and reestablish and sustain our businesses. Our fees are too high to continue paying through closures on top of owed rent and bills. Deferrals only create a backlog of

insurmountable debt and add to our already overwhelming struggle. Please save
Tattoo and Body Art shops and encourage the waiving of our fees and registration
for 2020. Thank you.

Best,
Rose & Thorn Tattoo