Dear [Name],

I’m writing to share my experience owning a vacation rental property in [State], and how COVID-19 has negatively impacted my financial security and quality of life.

Vacation rentals provide an opportunity to generate income on a second home that often sits unused and idle. Personally, when I started renting out my home in [month and year] I was able to generate [insert percent increase or total amount in revenue] for my family, which enabled us to [insert specific benefit, for example: pay for my daughter’s college tuition, or pay for surgery without getting into debt].

When COVID-19 hit, the revenue I typically earn and depend on by opening my home to guests was reduced by [insert percentage]. In turn, the pandemic and corresponding travel restrictions affected my ability to [insert specific impact, for example: pay bills, pay mortgage, meet financial goals].

I pay all required taxes on my vacation rental, and use a property management company called Vacasa that hires trusted, local staff who care for my home and guests, and help to ensure my home remains in compliance with local regulations. **The taxes that I and other homeowners pay on our vacation rentals support our local communities through new employment opportunities and tourism**. I rely on Vacasa’s quality care, industry expertise, and local teams to safely operate and support my investment.

If and when you’re deciding which hard-hit industries to devote government funding and grants to, I implore you to consider the importance of both the individual and public economic benefits vacation rentals provide.

All the best,

[Name]