

USA RISE PLAN

Stories from Georgians who want to get back to work

"I have worked since I was 16. My employer forced me to resign due to COVID-19. I am the sole provider for my wife and two-year-old child. I would rather go back to work than rely on unemployment, because as you can see, it can be taken away from you at any moment."

- Rell from Fulton County

"There is no incentive for somebody that is earning \$965/week to come work for me for \$400/week until that unemployment benefit runs out... The longer it takes small businesses to return to normal, the more of them that won't survive. The more small businesses that can't survive, the more people we will see requiring unemployment assistance, and so the downward spiral will go."

- Justin, Georgia Small Business Owner

"I am so happy that Georgia decided to show leadership and reopen so I can get back to work. I take pride in working and contributing, and I don't want to lean on assistance just because it's available to me. As an independent woman and mom to a teenage daughter, I believe it is extremely important to have a strong voice to show what we're capable of and to work for the betterment of this country."

- Katy from Alpharetta

"The PPP program has provided our business a lifeline. We have been able to maintain 80% of our employees during this pandemic and are on track to get back to 100% by the end of the month. I cannot stress how helpful the PPP was in keeping our business afloat and keeping our almost 50 team members employed."

- Jessica, Georgia Small Business Owner