

**APPEAL PANEL DECISION FORM**

**I. CLAIMANT AND CLAIM INFORMATION**

<b>Claimant Name</b>	Last/Name of Business ██████████ ██████████	First ██████████	Middle ██████████
<b>Claimant ID</b>	██████████	<b>Claim ID</b>	██████████
<b>Claim Type</b>	Failed Business Economic Loss		
<b>Law Firm</b>	██████████		

**II. DECISION**

**Denial Upheld**

**Denial Overturned**

**III. PRIMARY BASIS FOR PANELIST DECISION**

Please select the primary basis for your decision. You may also write a comment describing the basis for your decision.

- Claim should have been excluded.**
- Claim should have been denied.**
- Claim should not have been excluded.**
- Claim should not have been denied.**
- No error.**

**Comment (optional):**

██████████. filed this Failed Business Economic Loss claim under the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Program denied its claim on multiple occasions. ██████████ appeals. A Failed Business claimant such as ██████████, located in Zone D, must submit documentation that provides a reasonable basis to conclude that the Spill was a substantial cause of the revenue decline. In support of its claim, ██████████ provided the Affidavit of ██████████, ██████████'s "Authorized Representative." The affidavit establishes that ██████████ operating a restaurant "in association" with a ██████████ Hotel. After the Spill, the hotel owner took bankruptcy. ██████████ attributes this to the Spill but there is no documentation that supports this. ██████████'s affidavit is conclusory as to causation. This is not enough under the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Program's denial of the claim is upheld.