

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
Case No. 1:23-cr-20036-KMM**

**UNITED STATES,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**DANIELA RENDON,
Defendant.**

STATEMENT OF DANIELA RENDON

With regard to the above-captioned matter:

Initially, comprehending the full weight of the consequences tied to the accusations and convictions against me was a daunting task. Looking back, it becomes all too tempting to utter the words "everybody was doing it" as a feeble attempt to rationalize my actions. I regretfully confess that I once foolishly believed that the victims of my crimes were merely the faceless entities of the U.S. Government. However, through profound introspection and earnest discussions, I have come to a poignant realization. It is not the government or its officials who bear the true burden of my transgressions, but rather the countless individuals and businesses whose lives were marred by lost opportunities.

The funds I received were originally intended to aid struggling small businesses during an unparalleled period of economic distress caused by the relentless grip of COVID. The aftermath was catastrophic—a domino effect that shuttered enterprises, deprived individuals of employment, eroded their sources of income, and ultimately led to the heartbreaking loss of homes. The repercussions were immeasurable, leaving people displaced and their lives irreparably shattered. The depth of their suffering weighs heavily on my conscience.

As a woman who holds a deep reverence for God, acknowledging that I wrongfully took from those who genuinely needed assistance is an indescribable source of shame, embarrassment, and profound guilt. It torments me to the point where carrying out even the simplest daily tasks becomes an arduous struggle. The awareness of my actions fills me with profound anguish and leaves me perpetually

stunned. This behavior is not indicative of the values instilled in me during my upbringing. Therefore, I solemnly pledge to take every necessary step to atone for my debt to society.

Words fail to adequately express the depths of my remorse and sorrow. I implore the government to understand the genuine sincerity behind my apology. The magnitude of my wrongdoing serves as a grievous example that my own children should never follow. My actions were motivated by insatiable greed, but I am steadfast in my commitment to spend the remainder of my life tirelessly seeking redemption.

May my earnest efforts speak volumes, for the pain I have caused is immeasurable. With a heavy heart, I vow to dedicate myself to mending the lives I have shattered and restoring the faith of those I have betrayed.

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Respectfully Submitted on behalf of
Daniela Rendon,

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