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Local businesses feeling the burden of failing economy

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Financially speaking, how much more can our economy take? Because, as it stands, not only are we nationally spending money, that we haven't possessed in years, we are borrowing other nations' money that we will assuredly not be able to reimburse for years to come.

As if the national economy isn't bad enough, imagine the possibility of how tragic Brevard's economy could become, as a direct result of this national crisis. As a tourism-related town that generates significant financial digits to produce and sustain life for the community, what will become of this small, isolated mountain town if tourism ceases to exist in the near future?

In recent weeks, Brevard's community as a whole has witnessed the closing of a couple of restaurants, normal businesses that normally would be able to

sustain suitable operations with a cooperating economy. However, due to the financial deficit that most, if not all of the country is going through, KFC along with another similar fast food restaurant has been forced to "close shop."

So the question is, when will we, as a nation learn from our mistakes? Are we going to wait until all businesses in relation to KFC can not function and operate financially or are we going to initiate the measurable steps needed to end this

financial catastrophe? The answer is left unknown. The time is now to fix our nation's economy to ensure that businesses operating in small towns, such as Brevard, will be able to sustain business-like operations for years to come.



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