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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

Thank you for your continued leadership in our collective battle against COVID-19 and its devastating impacts across our country. Over the past weeks Congress has passed three important and historic bills to help heal the sick, protect the health of all Americans, and ensure financial stability for businesses and workers alike. The overwhelming bipartisan support this legislation received should serve as an illustration of the reality that we are all in this together.

While these bills have done a great deal to help Americans, I remain concerned about the ability of Chambers of Commerce, various nonprofits, and other 501(c)(6) organizations to access CARES Act resources, particularly the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). These organizations have proved especially crucial to supporting small businesses amidst this health crisis. However, as with the businesses they support, these organizations are also confronting serious financial challenges.

As we move forward with further legislation to confront the challenges posed by this pandemic, I respectfully request that you consider increasing funding for the PPP and making minor technical changes to the definitions section of the CARES Act to allow all nonprofit organizations eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the American people are given the support they need at this critical time.

Sincerely,

JIM COSTA
Member of Congress