

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
US House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C.20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
US House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy,

We write to you today on behalf of the hard-working small businesses we are proud to represent. Through no fault of their own, thousands of businesses across the country remain shuttered because of the COVID-19 pandemic and are on the brink of permanently closing their doors.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act's (CARES Act) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) delivered necessary resources to nearly five million businesses across the country and saved over 51 million jobs.

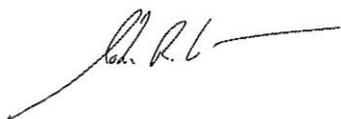
As states work to safely reopen, it is clear businesses still need targeted help. In particular, those in the tourism and hospitality industries, despite receiving PPP loans in early April, remain paralyzed due to limited travel domestically and internationally. This is also the case for certain nonprofits and franchises that were unintentionally excluded from PPP eligibility in the CARES Act.

These PPP loans can help these businesses continue surviving until states more fully reopen as long as funding for the program remains available. That is why we urge you to consider standalone legislation to further amend the Paycheck Protection Program that would ensure the program can help certain industries who are most in need:

1. Permitting businesses with reductions in gross receipts year-over-year to apply for a second round of PPP funding;
2. Permitting certain franchisers to apply for PPP loans regardless of whether the franchiser is assigned a franchise identifier code by the Small Business Administration and permitting nonprofits originally excluded from PPP to apply for these loans;
3. Permitting eligible expenses to include purchasing necessary equipment or supplies to keep workers and customers safe from COVID-19, and;
4. Holding eligible lenders harmless for loans issued to these eligible businesses if certain conditions are met and ensuring these lenders are fairly compensated for issuing these loans.

We appreciate your consideration and encourage you or your staff to contact our offices with further questions or concerns about these proposals. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



John R. Curtis
Member of Congress



Chip Roy
Member of Congress