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Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leaders Schumer and McCarthy:



The Metropolitan Civic Leadership Alliance represents organizations comprised of the leading CEOs and senior executives of major employers, professional firms, universities, and other senior civic leaders in large metropolitan areas. We are committed to making our metropolitan regions the best places to live, work, and grow a business, and urge you to support our health care industry, businesses, and state and local governments with additional federal funding to reduce long-term impacts from the COVID-19 and safely reopen our society and economy.



Together, we thank you for your leadership and shared commitment to keep our employers, their employees and their families safe, and to deliver much-needed assistance, especially to those most vulnerable and those heroes on the front lines helping each of our communities weather the COVID-19 pandemic and position our nation to recover once ready. The public safety decisions necessary to contain the virus are having unprecedented impacts on our economy, especially for our small and medium-sized businesses, their employees, and state and municipal budgets that if left unattended will slow our recovery by years, not months.

Your swift passage of the CARES Act provided essential funding to support each of our regions in combating the COVID-19 crisis. The passage of this package was historic and undoubtedly limited the spread of the COVID-19 virus by providing critical investments to support our economies. Despite this historic effort, we are far from reaching a recovery phase and key programs in the CARES Act were insufficient to match the scale and length of the health crisis. Additional support must be provided to state and municipal governments that are critical actors in fighting the spread and containing the COVID-19 virus, and essential to our rapid recovery once we are ready.

Specifically, we request that Congress move quickly to pass the next COVID-19 rescue package that: (1) provides more than \$250 billion in additional funding for

the Small Business Paycheck Protection Program; (2) adds funding for our health care and other essential public and private sectors, including national coordination to rapidly procure and distribute COVID-19 tests, Personal Protective Equipment and ventilators that we know will be needed to build confidence and trust as we look to safely restart our economy; (3) amends the CARES Act to allow maximum flexibility for the use of the state stabilization funds; and (4) delivers immediate, flexible, and substantial fiscal and financing assistance directly to states and local governments to help each jurisdiction fight the health crisis and provide the essential services our residents and employers rely on, including aid for our transportation, housing, education, and workforce development programs.

We stand ready to work with each of you and our federal delegations to pass the essential rescue package in the coming days and, when ready, the recovery package in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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Greater Washington Partnership

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