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OF NORTH AMERICA

Dear Colleagues,

As you may have read in the news, negotiations to put together a massive stimulus plan to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and help failing businesses stay afloat have stalled among top Congressional negotiators. We need to make sure that nonprofits, such as Jewish Federations and their partner agencies, are treated appropriately in this legislative package and receive aid to ensure our work across the country can continue unabated.

The bill will still likely pass in the next few days, and we are writing to ask you to contact your Senators and Representatives TODAY.

If you called yesterday, please call again today. Also reach out to Senate Majority and Minority Leaders [Mitch McConnell \(R-KY\)](#) and [Chuck Schumer \(D-NY\)](#), Speaker [Nancy Pelosi \(D-CA\)](#), and House Majority and Minority Leaders [Steny Hoyer \(D-CA\)](#) and [Kevin McCarthy \(R-CA\)](#). Forward this to others who can help.

Thank your leaders for their leadership and let them know we continue to push for the following:

URGE CONGRESS TO ensure all nonprofits qualify for new, emergency small business loans; remove the Medicaid exclusion and 500 employee caps on nonprofits.

- These loans are the best way for charities to rapidly access needed funds to sustain business operations. All charities should be eligible to receive up to \$10 million in business interruption loans as quickly as possible.

URGE CONGRESS TO provide charitable nonprofits with \$60B in any emergency funding proposals.

- The charitable sector needs an immediate infusion of \$60 billion and a mechanism must be constructed for a rapid infusion of cash to those organizations serving immediate needs in communities facing lost and declining revenue due to the pandemic.

URGE CONGRESS TO create a robust universal charitable deduction and allow post March 1, 2020 donations to be claimed on 2019 and future tax returns.

- Incentives for immediate charitable giving would ensure a rapid infusion of cash to those organizations serving immediate needs in communities facing lost and declining revenue due to the pandemic.

PLEASE make a phone call, send an email, and/or post on your social media channels TODAY. Sample call and email language [HERE](#). Share on social media [HERE](#). Find your Senators [HERE](#) and your Representatives [HERE](#).

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