

Congress Fights to Protect the Lives and Livelihoods of Americans, Pass Interim Funding to Expand Testing and Aid Our Health Care Workers and Small Businesses

Congressional Democrats Pass Interim Emergency Coronavirus Relief

In April, Congress passed an interim emergency funding package that will provide the emergency resources that are desperately needed to sustain the life and death fight to protect the lives and livelihoods of the American people. Democrats flipped this emergency package from an insufficient Republican plan that left behind hospitals and health workers and did nothing to aid the survival of the most vulnerable small businesses on Main Street. We have achieved a bill that follows the path set by the bipartisan CARES Act with real support:

- **For small businesses:** we have strengthened the Paycheck Protection Program with \$310 billion in additional funding, with \$30 billion reserved for community-based lenders, small banks and credit unions and \$30 billion for medium-sized banks and credit unions. We are expanding small business support beyond PPP by securing \$50 billion for SBA disaster lending, translating into more than \$350 billion in loans and \$10 billion in SBA disaster grants. We have also secured strong protections to ensure that our nation's farmers have access to this vital assistance.
- **For hospitals and health care workers:** Democrats have secured \$75 billion to provide resources to the frontlines, including Personal Protective Equipment. The Administration has also agreed to key improvements to be made in CARES 2, including significantly lowering the interest rate on advance payments, lengthening the repayment schedule and distributing payments from general revenues not the Hospital Insurance Fund.
- **For all Americans:** we have secured \$25 billion for testing, which is the key to reopening the economy and resuming our lives. The Administration has agreed to a national strategic testing policy that will focus on increasing domestic testing capacity including testing supplies.

We will continue to work to pass more COVID-19 response packages. The American people need and deserve a coordinated, fully funded, whole-of-government response to keep them and their loved ones safe from the coronavirus epidemic. House Democrats will continue to work relentlessly and in a bipartisan way to put Families and Workers First and protect Americans' health, economic security and well-being.