

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 20, 2020

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

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

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-220, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

As both chambers continue work on additional stimulus measures to mitigate the severe economic disruption caused by COVID-19, we write to urge you to consider **providing grants to small businesses**, in addition to loans. We additionally urge you to include specific provisions to **help minority owned businesses** through this difficult time.

Small businesses are already facing significant financial hardship from the widespread negative economic impact of COVID-19. Managing new debt while returning to normal business operations could slow the recovery of entire communities. This is especially true for minority owned small businesses and small businesses operating in communities of color, which some experts predict could be hit especially hard by the effects of coronavirus disease.

We urge inclusion of grant programs and specific provisions for minority owned businesses, and look forward to working with you to fulfill our mutual goal of protecting small businesses from the negative economic effects of COVID-19. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



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JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA  
Member of Congress



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GWEN MOORE  
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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