



May 20, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

As Congress considers additional federal assistance packages in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that you include direct relief to cities, towns and villages.

Businesses and community organizations across our country depend on the economic strength and vitality of municipalities. Not only do our nation's cities provide an anchor for local economic development, they also provide the essential services that our businesses depend on to remain competitive, including access to clean water, public safety, reliable infrastructure and a strong workforce base. Without a lifeline to recover and restore local economic activity, cities will be forced to make cuts to essential services that will have a ripple effect across the public and private sectors.

For organizations such as ours, it is because of our strong community partnership that we can thrive. The strong leadership of our local elected officials, and the partnership they have provided to local businesses is critical to our success. If cities fail to thrive, we all fail to thrive.

We know that you understand the importance of this relationship in cities, towns and villages across our country and we hope that we can rely on your leadership to support legislation that includes:

- \$500 billion over two years of federal aid for local governments.
- Fair and direct funding allocations to each and every local government, with no exclusions based on population.
- Equal funding overall for municipal governments and county governments.
- Maximum flexibility for the eligible use of funds to address the budget consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

10 Minute Walk Campaign
2C Mississippi
Accela
Achieving the Dream
Adaptation International
Addiction Recovery Care Association, Inc.
Afterschool Alliance
After-School All-Stars
Alliance for Community Media
Alliance for Strong Families and Communities
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 25
American Library Association
American Planning Association
American Planning Association - Iowa Chapter
American Planning Association - New Mexico Chapter
American Planning Association - Wisconsin Chapter
American Planning Association (APA) New York Metro Chapter
American Planning Association, California Chapter
American Planning Association, West Virginia Chapter
American Public Works Association (APWA)
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Water Works Association
APA - Tennessee Chapter
APA Colorado
APA Florida
APA Missouri Chapter
Arizona Chapter of the American Planning Association
Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association
Associated Equipment Distributors
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
BellXcel
Bond Dealers of America
Boulder Chamber
Build A Movement 2020
Build America Mutual
Business Watch Inc.
CAPA Strategies
Center for Community Progress
Center for Creative Economy
CGI Communications, Inc
ChangeLab Solutions
Children & Nature Network
City Parks Alliance
CivStart
Climate Resilience Consulting
Collaborating Voices Foundation
College Promise

Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency
Colorado State University
Communities In Schools National Office
Connecticut Chapter of American Planning Association
Creative Investment Research
Creative Roots Houston
Culver City Chamber of Commerce
Democracy at Work Institute
Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, Inc.
Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center
Edgewood Partners Insurance Center (EPIC)
esi Techtrans, Inc.
Every Hour Counts
Excelencia in Education
FWB, LLC
Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association
Girls Inc.
Global Cool Cities Alliance
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
Government Finance Officers Association
Greater Winston Salem, Inc.
Grounded Solutions Network
Habitat for Humanity International
Health by Design
ICMA
Idaho Chapter of the American Planning Association
Impetus - Let's Get Started LLC
Independent Sector
Indivisible Houston
Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management (I-DIEM)
Institute for Educational Leadership
Institute for Local Self-Reliance
International Code Council
International Economic Development Council
Jacobs
Johnson Controls
Jumpstart
KABOOM!
Kankakee Public Library
Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Association
Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association
Local Government Commission
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Local Solutions Support Center
Low Income Investment Fund
Maryland Out of School Time Network
Mayors & CEOs for U.S. Housing Investment
McColly Bennett Commercial Advantage
MENTOR

Michigan Chapter American Planning Association
National Afterschool Association
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies
National Association of Police Organizations
National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB)
National Association of Regional Councils
National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)
National Association of Workforce Boards
National Center for Healthy Housing
National Community Development Association
National Congress of Black Women, Inc.
National Digital Inclusion Alliance
National Housing Conference
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
National League of Cities
National NeighborWorks Association
National Network for Youth
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Recreation and Parks Association
National Rural Health Association
National Summer Learning Association
National Youth Employment Coalition
NCCD
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Nevada Chapter of the American Planning Association
New York Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association
Next Century Cities
North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association
Oasis Center, Inc.
Payne Shea & Associates
Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society
PolicyLink
Prevention Institute
Public Private Strategies
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Rebuild NorthBay Foundation
RentLab
Riff City Strategies, Inc.
Rincon Family Services
Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)
School-Based Health Alliance
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Service Year Alliance
Sister Cities International
Smart Growth America

Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)
Sperling Center for Research and Innovation
Stodola & Associates Law Firm, Inc.
Susanne Moser Research & Consulting
Sustainable Strategies DC
The American Society of Adaptation Professionals
The Financial Services Innovation Coalition/ American Innovation and Opportunity Fund
The Governance Project
The International Town & Gown Association
The League of American Bicyclists
The National Urban Indian Family Coalition
The Trust for Public Land
Tyler Technologies
U.S. Green Building Council
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County
United Way of Forsyth County
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Urban Design & Preservation Division, American Planning Association
Urban Libraries Council
Urban Sustainability Directors Network
US Water Alliance
Waste Management
Water Environment Federation
WaterNow Alliance
Welcoming America
Winston Salem Black Chamber of Commerce
Winston-Salem Urban League
YMCA of the USA
YWCA USA