

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House of Representatives
H-107, U.S. Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

We are writing to urge you to immediately resume negotiations for a relief package to confront the dual public health and economic crises Americans are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are facing significant challenges related to COVID-19: over 170,000 Americans have died from the virus, hospitals in parts of the country are once again seeing a spike in cases, millions of businesses remain shuttered or restricted in their operations, state and local governments are facing significant revenue shortfalls, and the future of the weekly pandemic unemployment assistance is uncertain for the more than 30 million Americans without a job. Such unprecedented circumstances demand that political leaders work together to meet the challenges of this moment.

We recognize that negotiating such a significant legislative proposal is difficult, but failing to reach a deal is unacceptable and is a failure of duty to the American people. During times of national emergencies, the American people look to elected officials to set aside their differences and take action through a sense of shared purpose and direction. The time for excuses has passed: Congress must work together and find compromise to jumpstart this process. We urge you to continue negotiations as soon as possible.

We stand ready to work with you in the days and weeks ahead to ensure that no American is left behind. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Jared Golden
Member of Congress



Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress



Stephanie Murphy
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