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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

As Congress works to address the devastating effects of the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, we applaud your efforts to keep our communities safe and to protect workers, businesses, and the broader economy from the impacts of this crisis.

As representatives of more than 425 members of the Business Community of the Metropolitan Washington region, we write today to express serious concern over the allocation of funding for the District of Columbia in the CARES Act. The relief package allocated at least \$1.25 billion in direct payments to every state, but allocates only \$500 million to the District of Columbia by treating it the same way as a territory. We urge you to correct for this funding shortfall in future legislative action and ensure adequate support for the District of Columbia for the purposes of relief going forward. We ask you to consider the following information in the context of this critical issue:

- The District of Columbia is being hit especially hard during the crisis. As of May 20, the District has more than 7,400 confirmed coronavirus cases, which outpaces nearly two dozen states. It has also been designated as an emerging “hot spot” for the virus.
- The District is not only the Nation’s Capital in which the Capitol and White House are located, but it also is also home to more than 700,000 residents—making it more populous than some states—and, as a densely populated urban center, the District is especially vulnerable to the spread of the virus. These residents need access to the same support that has been granted to other parts of the country.
- Due to strong oversight and sound fiscal management, the District entered this crisis in a strong financial position, but it is already experiencing significant economic losses due to the ongoing public health emergency. The District’s tourism, hospitality, and restaurant industries, along with its world-class colleges and universities, are already suffering, as are small businesses throughout the District. Current estimates project revenue losses of more than \$600 million by the end of September.
- The District’s contributions to the federal government are unique and substantial. Not only do DC residents contribute more federal income taxes on a per capita basis than any other state or territory, but the District is also the seat of the federal government and is thus obligated to protect the health and safety of hundreds of thousands of federal workers.
- This deadly virus is not limited to any particular geographical boundary. Jeopardizing the District’s ability to respond to the crisis puts the entire region at an increased risk.

It is critical that the District of Columbia receives the funding it needs to ensure that adequate services can be provided both to official federal Washington and to District residents and visitors. As members of the business community of the Metropolitan Washington region, we urge the federal government to ensure that the District of Columbia receives no less than the minimum allocation of \$1.25 billion provided to

each state in the CARES Act via the Coronavirus Relief Fund program, and to ensure adequate support for the District in all future Congressional actions taken to rescue and recover from this global health pandemic. This aid is essential to the District government's ability to protect its residents, federal employees, and its economy.

The undersigned organizations support this important effort—and support is still growing. We come together to urge you to support this policy change and the region's collective response to this public health and economic crisis.

Sincerely,

Federal City Council
Capital One
PNC Bank
Marriott International, Inc.
American Society of Association
Executives
Greater Washington Board of Trade
District of Columbia Chamber of
Commerce
Greater Washington Partnership
The 2030 Group
Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber
of Commerce
Monumental Sports & Entertainment
Graham Holdings Company
United Bankshares, Inc.
Urban Land Institute
EDENS
Hines
Washington Gas
DC Chamber of Commerce
The Donohoe Companies, Inc.
Restaurant Association of Metropolitan
Washington
Hoffman + Associates
American Beverage Association
ECS Federal, LLC
Akridge
CityBridge
Washingtonian Magazine
HOK Inc.
EYP Architecture & Engineering
Apartment and Office Building
Association of Metropolitan
Washington, Inc.
Emotive Architecture, PLLC
DC Association of REALTORS
WC Smith
Brookfield Properties

Stream Realty Partners
Oxford Properties
Carleton Holdings
Equity Residential
Jair Lynch Real Estate Partners
Winged Keel Group, Inc.
Ditto Management LLC
E.J. Patron Enterprises LLC
International Economic Development
Council (IEDC)
Greater Washington Black Chamber of
Commerce
BBVA USA
Medical Society of the District of
Columbia
Stonebridge Associates, Inc.
SC Property Management, LLC
Trammell Crow Company
The Urban Partnership
Roadside Development
Goulston & Storrs
Colonial Parking, Inc.
Savills, Inc.
Finn Partners, Inc.
Clark Construction Group, LLC
Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP
Martin Diamond Properties
Miller & Long DC, Inc.
Jackson & Campbell, PC
The LINE Hotel
Hickok Cole Architects, Inc.
The Wilkes Company
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLC
Fort Lincoln Realty
SRB Communications, LLC
SmithGroup
Bennett Group
NFP Corp.
The Levy Group

EYA, LLC
Wingate Hughes Architects, PLLC
Gotham Partners
PPC-Leftwich
Design Research
Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District
City Houses LLC
Falcon Management Group, Inc.
Georgetown Suites Hotel
Bazilio Cobb Associates PC
SRB Communications
Carr Properties
STUDIOS Architecture
Abdo Development LLC
Julyan & Julyan
The Hill Group, Inc.
Landmark Parking, Inc.
Gorove/Slade Associates Inc.
The Concordia Group
Community Three Development
Georgetown University
Trinity Washington University
Howard University
Trent & Co.
Redbrick LMD
Western Development Corporation
BELL Architects, PC
Compass Realty
Corenic Construction Group, LLC
Marcus Asset Group, Inc.
SCahill LLC
Flywheel Development LLC
Bohler DC
Dantes Partners LLC
Perseus TDC
Bundy Development Corporation
CSG Urban Partners LLC
Lourenco Consultants Inc.
Eagle Integrated Solutions LLC
Teass Warren Architects
UIP Property Management, Inc.
Property Group Partners Development, LLC
David M. Schwarz Architects, Inc.
Critical Systems, LLC
Pillar Construction, Inc.
Republic Properties Corporation
Studio Crowley Hall pllc
Taylor Adams Associates
Guggenheim Parking Inc.

Broughton Construction Company LLC
Friedman Capital
The Excalibur Group
D. H. Lloyd & Associates Inc.
Bridging Technologies LLC
RMS Investment Group
J Street Companies
Eastbanc Technologies
Adrian L. Merton Inc.
Oliva Consulting, Inc.
American Management Corporation
Linda Roth Associates Inc
Tildora Systems LLC
Sustainable Facilities Management Services
Smoot Construction of DC
National Mall Coalition
Destination DC
JMA Solutions, LLC
AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia
Plenary Enterprises
Cordia Partners
Dinan Associates
Bluestone Lane
TransitScreen
The Phoenix
Sweet Science Coffee
OceanPro Industries Ltd
Hopscotch Ventures
Ideal Electrical Supply
DP Consultants, Inc.
Clear Real Estate Services, LLC
City Permit
Urban Pace
Misra Law PLLC
Atlantic Services Group, Inc.
Halcyon Georgetown LLC
Hemphill Artworks LLC
Lars Etzkorn Law PLLC
Oculus Realty, LLC
Inscape Studio
Reston Limousine Service
District Cutlery
Healing Hands Physical Therapy Services
Al's Twin Air, LLC
Abstract Orange
The Ford Agency, Inc.
Dimples Dental Suite
Jefferson Apartment Group

Fitness Destino LLC
Modern Trousseau DC
J R Jennings Enterprises LLC
Olivia Macaron
CMIT Solutions of Capitol Hill
Natural Healing Products LLC
Nai Xander, Inc.
Peak Technology Solutions, Inc.
Lyn-Phill Construction, LLC
O Museum in the Mansion
Executive Contractors LLC
Green Step LLC
Shepherd Electric Supply of
Washington DC LLC
PT2SO Investments LLC
Global Government and Industry
Partners, LLC
PIR Marketing
Help Unlimited Temps
DC Fire Protection LLC
Premium Title & Escrow, LLC
XediaLabs
Alpha Power and Alarm Company
Daylily Landscaping LLC
A&A Rental Station
JLA Law
Code IT Inc.
Church Hall DC
EMB International, LLC
The Jackson Investment Company, LLC
Cultural Tourism DC, Inc.
Georgetown Business Improvement
District
Capitol Riverfront BID
District of Columbia Hospital
Association
Eastern Market Main Street
Hayat Brown LLC
H.H. Leonards, Associates
Prognosis, LLC
CNM Global LLC
Newton Grange Consulting
Venturi
Danna's Joy LLC
Ristorante Piccolo
14th Mini Market
727 Market
7-Eleven 14th St NW
Agua 301
All Souls Bar
Ambassador Restaurant

Brightwood Mart
Cafe Divan
Capitol Hill Exxon
Capitol Hill Care Pharmacy
Cinder Neighborhood BBQ
Columbia Heights Pharmacy
Dollar 1
Eclectic Café
Elsa Kitchen
Exxon Columbia Heights Gas Station
Georgetown Exxon
Georgetown Shell
Here's The Scoop
Jamaican County Kitchen
Keren Cafe & Restaurant
Lamont Market
Metro Motor Towing
Naanwise Indian Cuisine
Neighborhood Pharmacy
Parkers Exxon
Peaches Kitchen
Penn Ave Exxon
Petworth Market
Pho Viet
Pizza Mart
Rolands Grocery
Rosemarino d'itali
Say Cheese!
Seven Market
Sospeso
The Coffee Bar
Sprig and Sprout
Teddy's Roti Shop
Toki Underground
The Corner Market
The Capital Candy Jar
DC Life Safety, LLC
Center for the Creative Economy
National Federation of Federal
Employees of the IAM-AW/AFL CIO
NRGCO Court Reporters and
Transcribers
CCS LLC
College Track
Washington Performing Arts
Essential Media Partners
Wiles Mensch Corporation - DC
Align Development
The Nicholson Project
DMV Food Truck Association
Blossom Dentistry PLLC

Russin & Vecchi PC
Multi-Therapeutic Service, Inc.
Il Canale
Harris & Associates LLC
Menkiti Group
Dantes Partners
The Mansion on O Street
Smart City Media LLC
EHT Traceries
Capital Real Estate Development, LLC
Washington DC Economic Partnership
7 Pointe Planning
Industrial Bank
Impact Remodeling and Construction
Archneura LLC
HRGM Corporation
Delon Hampton & Associates
BRAVO! Events
Ross Business Management
The Coven DC, LLC
RE/MAX Allegiance
ECS Capitol Services, PLLC
Scarlet Oak Acupuncture
Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home
NPP Contractors, Inc.
Red Coats
Golden Triangle Business Improvement
District
Lewis Real Estate Services
Billy Martin's Tavern, LLC
Adams Morgan Partnership BID
Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP
Curran Advisors
PRO-VIZION
Capitol Movement
DC Pizza
Vanessa Carpenter Lourie, P.C.
Random Harvest, Inc
Chaia
Piedmont Office Realty Trust Inc.
Club Pilates Mount Vernon Triangle
The Historical Society of Washington,
D.C.
TerraSom LLC
Optimal Solutions & Technologies
EPIC Interval Training DC
Unwind Wellness
Seoulspice
Daro Management Services, LLC
Pink Line Project
World Class Cuts

Chorus America
Critical Exposure
DT & Associates
Northeast Collaborative Architects DC
LLC
Fusion D & Q LLC dba Hitching Post
Green Almond Pantry
Power 1 Realty and Design Group
Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP
Zenith Community Arts Foundation
CityInterests Development Partners
LLC
Miles & Stockbridge, P.C.
William P. Gelberg Inc., Dba Gelberg
Signs
FOX Architects
The Geddie Group LLC
CastroHaase PLLC
Lee's Flower and Card Shop
The IDI Group Companies
Cecchi Homes
Consortium of Universities of the
Metropolitan Washington Area
Ergo Solutions
PCBC LLC
Anacostia Mobil
Anacostia Shell
Best World Market
BurgerIM
B&K Convenience Store
Capital Crab and Seafood
Capitol Hill Sunoco
Catrachitos Restaurant
District Soul Food
Dollar Star 14th St NW
Dollar Star Mount Pleasant Street NW
Fresh Med Restaurant
Harrar Coffee Roastery
Harry's Wings and Things
Horace & Dickies
Los Cuates Adams Morgan
Los Cuates Georgetown
Mister Rotisserie
Oohh's & Aahh's U St NW
Oohh's & Aahh's Georgia Ave NW
The Avenue
JJ Restaurant
BelleVue Pharmacy
DC Diner
7-Eleven, Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave
NE

Buna Coffeehouse
Elmira Grocery
Super Saver Grocery
Taste of Jamaica
Thomas & Sons Mini Grocery
Midnight Deli
7 Days Market
7 Food Store
BP, Alabama Ave
Spicy Delight
Surprise Grocery
San Antonio Bar & Grill
Lattimore's Funnel Cakes
7-Eleven, P St NW
City Corner Market
Eat Well Juice Bar
Fat Pete's BBQ
Menicks Market
Pete's New Haven Style APizza
Tsehay Ethiopian Restaurant
Jamie Vargas
E&G Group
CIVITAS Commercial Real Estate
Services
Pulse Advocacy LLC
Aperio International
Building Bridges Across the River
United General Contractors, Inc
Venture Philanthropy Partners
The Buccini/Pollin Group
Ridgewells
Rational 360
Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company
Dantes Community Partners
The Midtown Group
Capitol Hill Arts Workshop
EB5 Capital
Simmons Lettre Consulting, LLC
Signarama DC North
Ram Island Holdings, LLC
McCaffery, Inc
QI Spa and Boutique Inc.
Burbank LLC
90 Second Pizza
Circa Lighting
Christ Child Opportunity Shop
Addison/Ripley Fine Art
Foxhall Partners
Glover Park Hotel
David Rios Salon
Housing Partnership Equity Trust

Enlightened, Inc.
Home Care Partners
Georgetown Tobacco
SSAD LLC DBA Georgetown Gourmet
Georgetown Tees Inc.
Capitol Hill Village
Georgetown Allure
Pillar & Post
The Marigold at 11th Street
Ten 10 Group, LLC
National Leased Housing Association
Brow Bar DC
Studio Twenty Seven Architecture
PMM Companies
LeadingAge DC
Stona, LLC
Professional Maintenance Management,
LLC
Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li
Charcoal Town Hookah & Shawarma
Artist's Proof
Fort Myer Construction Corporation
Blair Enterprises, Inc dba Milestone
Building Services