

To: US Congress

From: Small Business Owners

Re: Small Businesses Calling for Recurring Direct Cash Payments

Dear Senator/Representative,

COVID-19 continues to devastate small businesses. While efforts to support small businesses through loans and grants have provided some relief to some business owners, it wasn't enough, and many of us are unable to get the help we need. We as business owners need flexibility. Our employees need support.

That's why we're calling for direct cash payments until the economy recovers.

Cash is the most practical support for small business owners facing unforeseen challenges and an unknown future. It's no wonder that 80% of small business owners approve of cash.

Cash can help:

-- Keep business owners, our families, and our employees afloat when we're not earning income. Many small business owners don't have a cushion, and unemployment benefits have run out. Direct cash payments enable us to pay our bills and take care of our families while our businesses are shut down or operating at reduced capacities.

-- Maintain our business with reduced revenue because of capacity limits or shutdown. If our federal grants or loans were insufficient, nonexistent or have simply now been spent -- cash provides funds to do what we need to adjust to a changing landscape.

-- Ensure our staff has the means to cover their basic needs during unexpected lapses in employment when isolation must happen because of positive COVID tests in the workplace.

-- Boost the local economy and speed recovery. Small business spending -- whether paying employees or rent -- goes right into the local economy, strengthening the local community and helping everyone recover faster.

Please fight for recurring direct cash payments to all or most Americans.

[See the number of signers by state below.]

Small business signers by state

Alabama	82	Montana	52
Alaska	4	Nebraska	9
Arizona	145	Nevada	72
Arkansas	123	New Hampshire	14
California	426	New Jersey	129
Colorado	105	New Mexico	42
Connecticut	69	New York	247
Delaware	12	North Carolina	237
District of Columbia	13	North Dakota	5
Florida	511	Ohio	291
Georgia	435	Oklahoma	40
Hawaii	13	Oregon	58
Idaho	15	Pennsylvania	136
Illinois	214	Rhode Island	14
Indiana	79	South Carolina	149
Iowa	30	South Dakota	6
Kansas	16	Tennessee	103
Kentucky	44	Texas	408
Louisiana	127	Utah	81
Maine	63	Vermont	10
Massachusetts	74	Virginia	111
Michigan	148	Washington	93
Minnesota	65	West Virginia	24
Mississippi	91	Wisconsin	68
Missouri	174	Unspecified	20

Grand Total: 5632 Small Businesses