



THE TEXAS STATE CHAMBER

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy,

We are writing today to thank you for scheduling time to consider the Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act, H.R. 6886, a bill we endorse. This legislation would make important changes to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), especially for state and local chambers of commerce like ours, the Texas Association of Business.

We thank Representatives Chip Roy (R-TX) and Dean Phillips (D-MN) for their leadership on this issue as well as Chairwoman Velazquez and Ranking Member Chabot for their hard work on this bill.

Your response to the COVID-19 crisis was swift and bold. Just one example of that boldness can be found in the program you created, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Unfortunately, however, access to this program was limited. We have worked with many in the Texas Congressional Delegation to support changes to the program that would allow 501 (c)(6) organizations in the definition of an eligible nonprofits under the PPP. The critical function of local chambers of commerce is more evident than ever, as Texans across our great state rely on them for guidance and assistance at local level.

Many of these organizations have begun to suffer major financial losses in order to comply with CDC guidelines regarding gatherings and events. Ultimately, many will have to close their doors, leaving their communities without their support, and their employees without jobs. We urge Congress to extend this assistance to local chambers of commerce so that these organizations can continue to provide their important, civic-spirited services.

Again, we want to thank you for your leadership and encourage you and your respective conferences to support these important changes to the PPP.

Very truly,

Jeff Moseley  
Texas Association of Business  
CC: The Honorable Chip Roy