

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 8, 2020

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your leadership as our country recovers from the economic fallout resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, including by signing bipartisan legislation, like the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act, into law. You listened to the concerns of small business employers about the negative impacts posed by the failure to fully reopen the economy and the barriers to effectively rehiring employees created by enhanced government unemployment benefits. As negotiations on further federal legislative actions begin, we write to urge you to firmly oppose any extension of the \$600 supplemental unemployment insurance (UI) enacted in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Future legislation should only include policies that encourage businesses to reopen and hire employees. In fact, extending the \$600 supplemental UI payments will only slow our economic recovery. According to the Congressional Budget Office, extending the supplemental UI program through the end of the year would result in approximately five of every six recipients receiving benefits that exceed their expected earnings when they return to work.

It should be a fundamental principle that government benefits should not pay Americans more than if they went to work. The result is no surprise: CBO determined extending this program would result in higher unemployment in both 2020 and 2021. Small businesses are facing unprecedented challenges caused by COVID-19 and the resulting lockdowns enacted by state and local governments. There could not be a worse time for the federal government to create disincentives for returning to work.

The most effective path to economic recovery is to allow businesses to safely reopen their doors and rehire employees. If there is future action from the federal government, it should reinforce those goals. Allowing the \$600 supplemental UI benefit to expire will lower unemployment and help small businesses rehire employees. We urge you to oppose any extension.

Sincerely,



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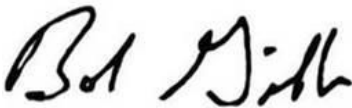
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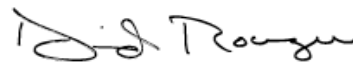
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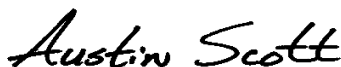
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