



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6538

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The Honorable Daniel W. Lipinski
2346 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Lipinski:

On September 27, nearly two months ago, you signed a letter to Speaker Nancy Pelosi stating: *"It is our request that you continue to negotiate towards a bipartisan deal. Otherwise, a discharge petition is the only potential option for COVID-19 related action on the House Floor..."*

As we know, no bipartisan deal has yet been reached. Perhaps more discouraging is that after Speaker Pelosi failed to secure a deal before recessing the House ahead of the election, you did not live up to your word to sign Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) discharge petition. This legislation would free up \$137.5 billion of unspent PPP funds. It would allow small businesses to take a second PPP loan and extends the PPP deadline until December 31, 2020.

The economic conditions for small businesses were dire back in September. Today, with more economic lockdowns being imposed, they are fatal.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that hundreds of companies that received Paycheck Protection Program loans have filed for bankruptcy, citing the lack of additional loans as the pandemic wears on.

But the number of businesses in America going under is much higher. The Washington Post reported that nearly 100,000 businesses nationwide have already shut their doors permanently.

With renewed economic lockdowns, brave small business owners and their workers are forced to do the impossible: stay alive through government-imposed lockdowns without any help from the government that imposes them.

Speaker Pelosi's approach that "nothing" is better than "something" is wrong, and the American people have paid the price. We must get relief that is ready to go to those who need it most. Our neighbors are counting on you to keep your word and sign the discharge petition. We can get this done today and save countless small businesses from going bankrupt.

Sincerely,

KEVIN McCARTHY
House Republican Leader

Cc: The Honorable Josh Gottheimer, The Honorable Dean Phillips, The Honorable Abigail Spanberger,
The Honorable Anthony Brindisi, The Honorable Max Rose, The Honorable Tom Malinowski, The Honorable Stephanie Murphy,
The Honorable Ben McAdams, The Honorable Steve Horsford, The Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas,
The Honorable Vicente Gonzalez, The Honorable Susan Wild, The Honorable Kurt Schrader, The Honorable Tom Suozzi,
The Honorable Kendra Horn, The Honorable Elissa Slotkin, The Honorable Joe Cunningham, The Honorable Lizzie Fletcher, The Honorable Jared Golden,
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