

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Honorable Tim Kaine  
United States Senate  
231 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mark Warner  
United States Senate  
703 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jennifer Wexton  
United States House of Representatives  
1217 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Warner, Senator Kaine, and Congresswoman Wexton,

Thank you for your hard work and leadership to support Congress's adoption of multiple legislative measures to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, including the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This legislation is essential to help stabilize the national economy and prevent even further declines in employment during this period of unprecedented disruption for American businesses.

The CARES Act does not, however, provide sufficient and critically needed emergency funds to chambers of commerce, trade and other professional associations that provide irreplaceable leadership and support to our local communities and to the hard working professionals that keep our economy strong.

It is unconscionable that 501(c)(6) organizations were seemingly removed from a previous draft of the CARES Act in which they had access to the Paycheck Protection Program. Countless membership-based organizations are in dire need of these funds for their economic survival – and their members now, more than ever, rely on their local chamber of commerce, for critical support during these unprecedented times.

As a member of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, I can attest that our organization is working harder than ever and is needed more than ever to support the countless businesses and nonprofit organizations in our community whose financial struggles – caused by the COVID-19 crisis – threatens their very existence. Should our organization fail, or be forced to sharply curtail operations, because of this crisis, the pain will be felt by every single one of our over 1,100 members, our employees and every citizen of Loudoun County.

Today I write to urge you to include additional emergency support in the next coronavirus aid package for Internal Revenue Code Section (Section) 501(c)(6) organizations.

Many associations have little or no financial cushion to carry them through these times. Further, expected losses due to reduced membership and cancelled programming, among other significant issues, compound this potentially catastrophic situation for chambers of commerce, trade and professional associations.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of our country during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(Title)

(Company)