



May 20, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Leader Schumer:

As Congress considers additional federal assistance packages in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that you include direct relief to cities, towns and villages.

Businesses and community organizations across our country depend on the economic strength and vitality of municipalities. Not only do our nation's cities provide an anchor for local economic development, they also provide the essential services that our businesses depend on to remain competitive, including access to clean water, public safety, reliable infrastructure and a strong workforce base. Without a lifeline to recover and restore local economic activity, cities will be forced to make cuts to essential services that will have a ripple effect across the public and private sectors.

For organizations such as ours, it is because of our strong community partnership that we can thrive. The strong leadership of our local elected officials, and the partnership they have provided to local businesses is critical to our success. If cities fail to thrive, we all fail to thrive.

We know that you understand the importance of this relationship in cities, towns and villages across our country and we hope that we can rely on your leadership to support legislation that includes:

- \$500 billion over two years of federal aid for local governments.
- Fair and direct funding allocations to each and every local government, with no exclusions based on population.
- Equal funding overall for municipal governments and county governments.
- Maximum flexibility for the eligible use of funds to address the budget consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

10 Minute Walk Campaign  
2C Mississippi  
Accela  
Achieving the Dream  
Adaptation International  
Addiction Recovery Care Association, Inc.  
Afterschool Alliance  
After-School All-Stars  
Alliance for Community Media  
Alliance for Strong Families and Communities  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 25  
American Library Association  
American Planning Association  
American Planning Association - Iowa Chapter  
American Planning Association - New Mexico Chapter  
American Planning Association - Wisconsin Chapter  
American Planning Association (APA) New York Metro Chapter  
American Planning Association, California Chapter  
American Planning Association, West Virginia Chapter  
American Public Works Association (APWA)  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Water Works Association  
APA - Tennessee Chapter  
APA Colorado  
APA Florida  
APA Missouri Chapter  
Arizona Chapter of the American Planning Association  
Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies  
Association of Prosecuting Attorneys  
BellXcel  
Bond Dealers of America  
Boulder Chamber  
Build A Movement 2020  
Build America Mutual  
Business Watch Inc.  
CAPA Strategies  
Center for Community Progress  
Center for Creative Economy  
CGI Communications, Inc  
ChangeLab Solutions  
Children & Nature Network  
City Parks Alliance  
CivStart  
Climate Resilience Consulting  
Collaborating Voices Foundation  
College Promise

Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency  
Colorado State University  
Communities In Schools National Office  
Connecticut Chapter of American Planning Association  
Creative Investment Research  
Creative Roots Houston  
Culver City Chamber of Commerce  
Democracy at Work Institute  
Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, Inc.  
Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center  
Edgewood Partners Insurance Center (EPIC)  
esi Techtrans, Inc.  
Every Hour Counts  
Excelencia in Education  
FWB, LLC  
Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association  
Girls Inc.  
Global Cool Cities Alliance  
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.  
Government Finance Officers Association  
Greater Winston Salem, Inc.  
Grounded Solutions Network  
Habitat for Humanity International  
Health by Design  
ICMA  
Idaho Chapter of the American Planning Association  
Impetus - Let's Get Started LLC  
Independent Sector  
Indivisible Houston  
Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management (I-DIEM)  
Institute for Educational Leadership  
Institute for Local Self-Reliance  
International Code Council  
International Economic Development Council  
Jacobs  
Johnson Controls  
Jumpstart  
KABOOM!  
Kankakee Public Library  
Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Association  
Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association  
Local Government Commission  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
Local Solutions Support Center  
Low Income Investment Fund  
Maryland Out of School Time Network  
Mayors & CEOs for U.S. Housing Investment  
McColly Bennett Commercial Advantage  
MENTOR

Michigan Chapter American Planning Association  
National Afterschool Association  
National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)  
National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies  
National Association of Police Organizations  
National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB)  
National Association of Regional Councils  
National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)  
National Association of Workforce Boards  
National Center for Healthy Housing  
National Community Development Association  
National Congress of Black Women, Inc.  
National Digital Inclusion Alliance  
National Housing Conference  
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty  
National League of Cities  
National NeighborWorks Association  
National Network for Youth  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Recreation and Parks Association  
National Rural Health Association  
National Summer Learning Association  
National Youth Employment Coalition  
NCCD  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Nevada Chapter of the American Planning Association  
New York Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association  
Next Century Cities  
North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association  
Oasis Center, Inc.  
Payne Shea & Associates  
Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society  
PolicyLink  
Prevention Institute  
Public Private Strategies  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
Rebuild NorthBay Foundation  
RentLab  
Riff City Strategies, Inc.  
Rincon Family Services  
Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)  
School-Based Health Alliance  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Service Year Alliance  
Sister Cities International  
Smart Growth America

Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)  
Sperling Center for Research and Innovation  
Stodola & Associates Law Firm, Inc.  
Susanne Moser Research & Consulting  
Sustainable Strategies DC  
The American Society of Adaptation Professionals  
The Financial Services Innovation Coalition/ American Innovation and Opportunity Fund  
The Governance Project  
The International Town & Gown Association  
The League of American Bicyclists  
The National Urban Indian Family Coalition  
The Trust for Public Land  
Tyler Technologies  
U.S. Green Building Council  
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County  
United Way of Forsyth County  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Urban Design & Preservation Division, American Planning Association  
Urban Libraries Council  
Urban Sustainability Directors Network  
US Water Alliance  
Waste Management  
Water Environment Federation  
WaterNow Alliance  
Welcoming America  
Winston Salem Black Chamber of Commerce  
Winston-Salem Urban League  
YMCA of the USA  
YWCA USA