



235 Montgomery St., Ste. 760, San Francisco, CA 94104
tel: 415.392.4520 • fax: 415.392.0485
sfchamber.com • twitter: @sf_chamber

May 9, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate

RE: CARES II Act Support

Dear Leaders Pelosi, McConnell, McCarthy and Schumer,

I write to you today on behalf of the hundreds of business members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Our members are made up of business, who employ hundreds of thousands of employees from across the Bay Area. We sincerely thank you for your leadership around the COVID-19 world health crisis. However, this pandemic is still rampant, and so are its disastrous economic effects. While much effort has gone into stabilizing industries and the economy, we are seeing a dramatic increase in our unemployment rate in San Francisco. This crisis has created instability in work, healthcare insurance, and individual's own health concerns. Our workers are struggling to meet their basic needs during this time, and potentially for months to come. **We urge you to continue prioritizing workers and their families by developing the CARES II Act.**

We now call on Congress and President Trump to develop a recovery package that keeps workers healthy, encourages economic development, and supports small businesses. This ultimately means keeping workers employed. In a nation where healthcare is tied to employment, the strongest means of healthcare protection is to keep our workers employed and their income protected.

CARES II must ensure that millions more workers are paid through the duration of this crisis by making support for employers who keep workers on payroll simpler, faster and more universal. The Paycheck Protection Program must pay workers as it was designed to do, and we must also extend direct financial support for all workers to ensure that they can meet their basic needs, and contribute to developing the economy.

This public health crisis will continue to be catastrophic for our workers if the CARES II Act does not move to prioritize workers and their families payment protection. We now have the opportunity to keep top of mind the millions of people who work hard every day, play by the rules, and now need our collective support and decisive action.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Fong".

Rodney Fong
President & CEO