



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

We write as the undersigned elected leaders in Maryland's 6th Congressional District to urge you to provide desperately needed funding for local governments, regardless of population size, in the next emergency coronavirus package.

Our local governments have faced enormous costs while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, including rapid activation and expansion of emergency services, transitioning to telework to ensure continuity of municipal services, providing overtime and hazard compensation for first responders, furnishing personal protective equipment, and more. Without stabilization funding, these expenses will prevent local governments from continuing to offer essential services for residents.

In addition to incurring the significant expenses required to combat COVID-19, municipalities and counties are experiencing a precipitous decline in revenue. Stay-at-home orders and social distancing have led to decreases in property taxes, local income taxes, parking fees, hotel occupancy fees, and other revenue sources. State governments are not in a position to help, as many are facing worse revenue shortfalls and increased expenses. In Maryland alone, Governor Hogan is anticipating at least a \$2.8 billion shortfall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Only the

federal government has the capacity to provide the direct and equitable relief that the state and local governments need to continue to operate.

Attached for your consideration are some individual testimonies from local leaders from Maryland's 6th Congressional District, detailing the unique burdens that managing a responsible COVID-19 response has placed on their budgets. We thank you for your attention to this important request.

Sincerely,



David Trone
Member of Congress

Allegany County Elected Officials

Jake Shade
President, Board of Commissioners
Allegany County

Raymond Morriss
Mayor
City of Cumberland

Laurie Marchini
Councilmember
City of Cumberland

Richard Cioni
Councilmember
City of Cumberland

Eugene Frazier
Councilmember
City of Cumberland

George Edwards
Maryland State Senator
District 1

Mike McKay
Maryland State Delegate
District 1C

Frederick County Elected Officials

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive
Frederick County

M.C. Keegan-Ayer
President, County Council
Frederick County

Kai Hagen
Councilmember, At-Large
Frederick County

Michael O'Connor
Mayor
City of Frederick

Kelly Russell
Alderman, President Pro Tempore
City of Frederick

Ben MacShane
Alderman
City of Frederick

Derek Shackelford
Alderman
City of Frederick

Roger Wilson
Alderman
City of Frederick

Ronald Young
Maryland State Senator
District 3

Karen Lewis Young
Maryland State Delegate
District 3A

Kenneth Kerr
Maryland State Delegate
District 3B

Garrett County Elected Officials

Paul C. Edwards
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Garrett County

Peggy Jamison
Mayor
Town of Oakland

Richard Carlson
Mayor
Town of Accident

Donald Dawson
Mayor
Town of Deer Park

Spencer Schlosnagle
Mayor
Town of Friendsville

Mark Diehl
Mayor
Town of Grantsville

Robert Reckart
Mayor
Town of Kitzmiller

Carolyn Corley
Mayor
Town of Loch Lynn Heights

Wendell Beitzel
Maryland State Delegate
District 1A

Montgomery County Elected Officials

Marc Elrich
County Executive
Montgomery County

Sidney Katz
President, County Council, District 3
Montgomery County

Tom Hucker
Vice President, County Council, District 5
Montgomery County

Andrew Friedson
Councilmember, District 1
Montgomery County

Evan Glass
Councilmember, At-Large
Montgomery County

Gabe Albornoz
Councilmember, At-Large
Chair, Health and Human Services Cmte.
Montgomery County

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Councilmember, At-Large
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Councilmember
City of Gaithersburg

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Councilmember
City of Gaithersburg

Laurie-Anne Sayles
Councilmember
City of Gaithersburg

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Councilmember
City of Gaithersburg

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Councilmember
City of Gaithersburg

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Maryland State Senator
District 14

Cheryl Kagan
Maryland State Senator
District 17

Nancy King
Maryland State Senator
District 39

Brian Feldman
Maryland State Senator
District 15

Pamela Queen
Maryland State Delegate
District 14

Kathleen Dumais
Maryland State Delegate
District 15

Lily Qi
Maryland State Delegate
District 15

Julie Palakovich Carr
Maryland State Delegate
District 17

Vaughn Stewart
Maryland State Delegate
District 19

Kirill Reznik
Maryland State Delegate
District 39

Lesley Lopez
Maryland State Delegate
District 39

Gabriel Acevero
Maryland State Delegate
District 39

Charlotte Crutchfield
Maryland State Delegate
District 19

Washington County Elected Officials

Jeff Cline
President, Board of Commissioners
Washington County

Cort Meinelschmidt
Commissioner, Board of Commissioners
Washington County

Robert E. Bruchey, II
Mayor
City of Hagerstown

Emily Keller
Councilmember
City of Hagerstown

Austin Heffernan
Councilmember
City of Hagerstown

Shelley McIntire
Councilmember
City of Hagerstown

Ralph Salvagno, M.D.
Mayor
Town of Hancock

William Green
Mayor
Town of Williamsport