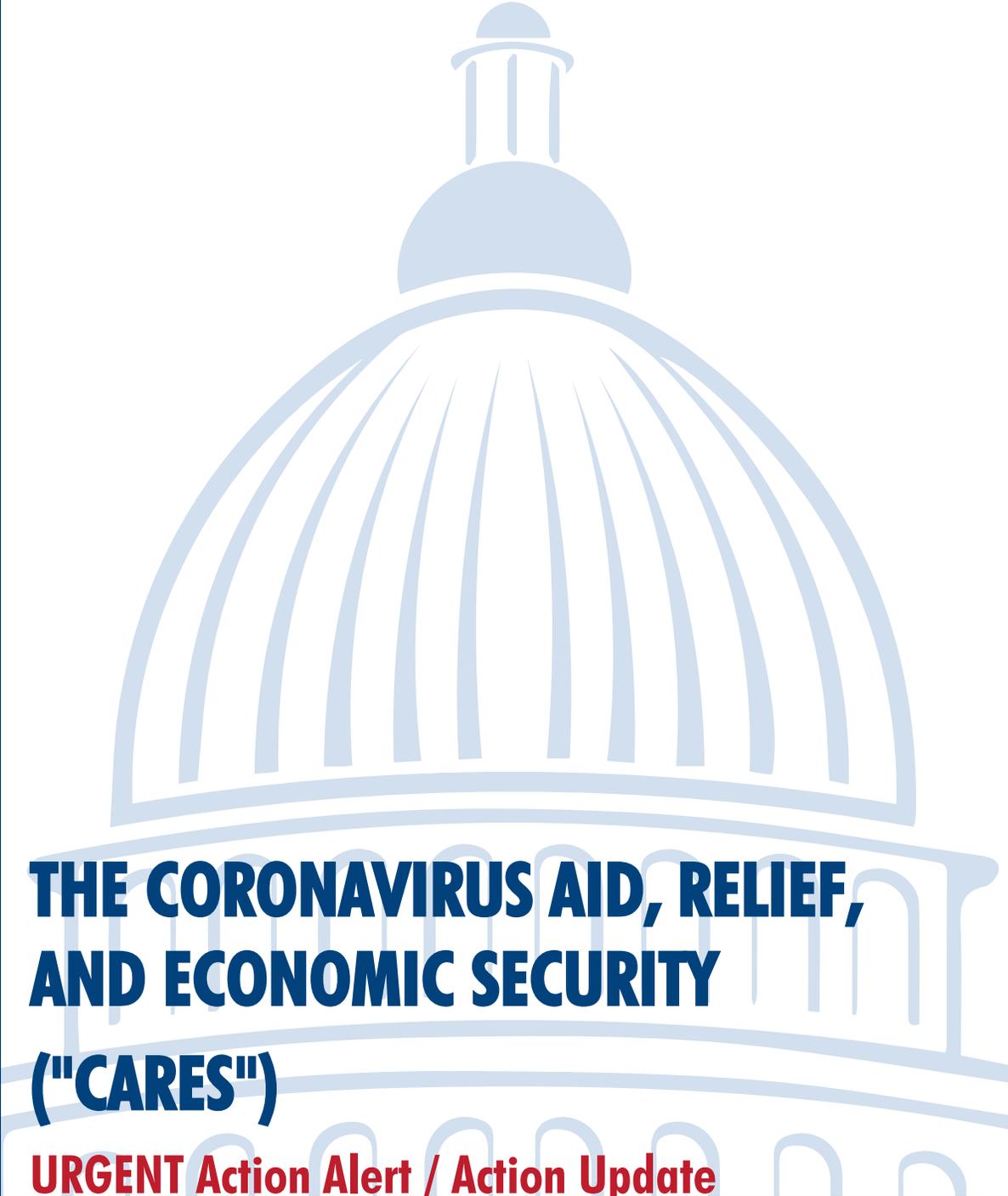


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**THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF,  
AND ECONOMIC SECURITY**

**("CARES")**

**URGENT Action Alert / Action Update**

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# URGENT ACTION ALERT / ACTION UPDATE

**DATE: March 26, 2020**

## **URGENT ACTION ALERT TITLE:**

**U.S. SENATE PASSES FIRST ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC; MORE MUST BE DONE**

**URGE YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO PASS H.R. 748, *THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC STIMULUS OR CARES ACT* AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE**

## **THE ISSUE:**

Late in the evening of March 25, 2020, the Senate passed H.R. 748, the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus Act*, or *CARES Act*, and sent it to the US House for action. The final vote was 96 yeas – 0 nays. If the House passes the exact same text, unchanged, it can then go to the President for his signature (President Trump has indicated that he will sign the bill into law.) This package, which will cost approximately \$2.2 TRILLION, is the first economic response to the challenges facing our nation from the Coronavirus ("COVID -19") pandemic. Future economic stimulus legislation is anticipated, although Congress will adjourn until at least the end of April, 2020, once this bill is signed into law.

Included in the CARES Act are provisions to provide:

- \$500 billion for loans and assistance to companies and state and local governments, including \$29 billion for loans to U.S. airlines and related businesses. Stock buybacks and executive compensation would be restricted. Additional funds would be provided to aviation workers.
- \$349 billion in low-interest small business loans that could be partially forgiven
- Payments of as much as \$1,200 for individual taxpayers, and \$500 per child, phased out when incomes exceed \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for couples filing jointly.
- An additional \$600 per week for those receiving unemployment benefits.
- \$150 billion for aid to state, local, and tribal governments.
- A suspension of Medicare sequestration through the end of the year and the extension of several health programs until December.

We need to make sure that no Americans suffer disproportionately from this health emergency. Included in future legislation, we need to see more funding for election reform and security, stopping the virus' spread in prisons and prison reform, additional funding for food assistance, and additional help for early childhood caregivers.

We need to make it clear that while a good start, the CARES Act should be seen as a beginning, and that there is still much more to do.

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# TAKE ACTION NOW

Contact your Representative and URGE HIM / HER TO SUPPORT THE CARES ACT AND SEE THAT IT PASSES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THERE ARE STILL AREAS TO BE ADDRESSED.



## MAKE A PHONE CALL

Call your your Representative in Washington by dialing the Capitol Switchboard and ask to be transferred to your his or her office. The switchboard phone number is (202) 224-3121 (see message section, below).



## SEND AN EMAIL

To send an email to your Representative, go to [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov), and on the home page click "Representatives". This will allow you to click your Representative either by state or by name. Click on your Representative and you will be directed to his / her web page, which will have instructions on how to send an e-mail. The homepage of [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) also has a tool to help you identify who your Representative is.



## WRITE A LETTER

To write a letter to your Representative, send it to:  
The Honorable (name of Representative)  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**(NO TIME FOR REGULAR MAIL.: E-MAIL, CALL, OR FAX TODAY)**

**A  
SAMPLE  
LETTER IS  
ATTACHED**

## THE MESSAGE

- **Passage of the CARES Act will go towards helping the American people in these challenging, extraordinary and unprecedented times;**
- **Yet there is more that needs to be done for our families, our neighborhoods, our worker, our small businesses and our faith communities;**
- **The Federal government must do all it can to ensure the well-being of all the American people, including those who may be in heretofore underserved, under-resourced, and marginalized communities;**
- **We all need to know in this time of crisis that our government is providing equal protection and equal opportunity for all Americans, regardless of our stage or station in life.**

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# SAMPLE LETTER

(date)

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR SWIFT ACTION ON THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC;WE MUST CONTINUE TO HELP ALL AME

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_;

As your constituent, I strongly urge you to support the swift passage and enactment of the latest response to the economic consequences of the coronavirus pandemic. Specifically, I urge you to support passage of the economic stimulus package as it passed the Senate last night, un-amended and by voice vote, so that it can be presented to the President for his signature as soon as possible. While this is a good beginning, much more needs to be done.

The Federal government must do all it can to ensure the well-being of all the American people. The bipartisan, bicameral hard work that went into the legislation before you on Friday demonstrates that our Nation can come together in a time of crisis, yet it is clear that this is only a down-payment. We must continue to work together.

We need to make sure that no Americans suffer disproportionately from this health emergency. COVID-19 does not discriminate; nor should our response. Included in future legislation, we need to see more funding for election reform and security, stopping the virus' spread in prisons and prison reform, additional funding for food assistance, and additional help for early childhood caregivers.

We must use this crisis to demonstrate to heretofore underserved, under-resourced, and marginalized communities that the U.S. government cares, and that they are not forgotten. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that our specific recommendations are included in a second, soon-to-be-drafted, economic stimulus package which will help all Americans. I look forward to working with you to see that issues facing all Americans are resolved.

Sincerely,

(sign and print your name and remember to include your address)



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## ACTION ALERT SIGN-UP

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