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Dear Congressmen Brown, Harris, Hoyer, Raskin, Ruppersberger, Sarbanes, and Trone:

Thank you for your participation in our call Friday. As we discussed, we have immediate needs, concerns with aspects of the CARES Act, and issues that we feel must be considered in the next piece of legislation.

Immediate needs:

- Immediate federal leadership and coordination to obtain and distribute adequate PPE and ventilators, in order to protect our health care workers and first responders, and care for the sick.
- Increased testing capacity; testing supplies continue to be a critical need, as is the need for the reagents used in processing results. Five or more days to obtain results is unacceptable.

The following are essential to implementation that achieves the intent of the CARES Act:

- Assistance from you to ensure the direct aid to states and counties moves quickly.
- Clarification from you to eligible lenders regarding the Paycheck Protection Program. We need specific prohibitions against unreasonable requirements (e.g. that applicants have an existing account, loan or credit card) and clear guidance to lenders as to who is eligible.
- Qualification of adult children with developmental disabilities for economic impact payments.

The next legislative package should include:

- Funds to local governments to cover salaries for employees responding to the crisis and providing essential government services, and payments to vendors and organizations.
- Reimbursement to local governments specifically for hazard pay we are providing to employees working through the crisis.
- Direct assistance to protect our employees from layoffs or furloughs, and to fund additional sick or administrative leave.
- Funds to local governments to mitigate our loss of revenue during this crisis. This is a need both in the current fiscal year and the next, and possibly in future years.
- Waiver of requirements for local matches to existing and future SAFER and AFG grants.
- Mortgage and renter relief and assistance.

We thank you for your advocacy on our behalf as we work together to meet these challenges. As always, we stand with you to protect and serve the people of Maryland.

Respectfully,

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