



May 14, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Small Business and  
Entrepreneurship  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ben Cardin  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Small Business and  
Entrepreneurship  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Rubio, and Ranking Member Cardin:

Thank you for your steadfast leadership in providing financial relief to health care providers, first responders, small businesses and all workers during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. As Congress considers a potential fourth stimulus package, **we ask for your support in extending the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) eligibility to 501(c)6 organizations like ours that will be at the forefront of our recovery efforts.**

**Last week, U.S. Representative Chris Pappas introduced H.R.6697 which would extend eligibility for PPP participation to 501(c)6 organizations. We ask for your continued support in ensuring this language is included in any future funding package relating to providing relief for the negative impacts of Covid-19.**

Chambers of commerce, destination management organizations (DMOs), trade and professional organizations all offer critical services and support to businesses and workers in communities of all sizes. Our operational budgets are supported by dues and events, which have both been significantly affected this year. We have pivoted and found ways to actively respond to the needs of our members during this unprecedented time. Through our collaboration and innovative work our organizations have proven to be trusted partners to the business, education and non-profit communities. Having access to PPP would provide the financial security needed to continue supporting our members as they reopen their doors in a safe manner to protect our community's public health and safety, and economic vitality.

San Antonio is the seventh largest city in the United States with businesses of all sizes leading operations in key industries such as cybersecurity, healthcare and bioscience research, real estate, entrepreneurship, energy, hospitality and tourism, and advanced manufacturing. All of these industries have been severely affected this year. Together, our organizations represent the vast majority of workers in San Antonio and the surrounding region through our membership of small and large employers. Our important work supports business owners and operators in addressing issues important to the economic vitality of the region.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this critical issue. Please contact any of us should you have questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,



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Cc: The Honorable John Cornyn  
The Honorable Ted Cruz