



May 14, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nydia Velázquez
Chair
House Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Chabot
Ranking Member
House Committee on Small Business
2069 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Chair Velázquez, and Ranking Member Chabot:

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, 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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President and CEO Richard Perez

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President Steven Schultz

Centro San Antonio

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