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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
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Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Minority Leader
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Dear Leader McConnell and Speaker Pelosi,

As Congress considers further legislation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we urge you to include financial relief for nonprofit organizations that are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response effort. They are the backbone of our nation's food banks, shelters, domestic violence services, houses of worship, early care and education centers, after-school facilities, and more that are being called on to feed, house, and care for people whose lives have been disrupted by closures, job loss, and sickness.

The COVID-19 pandemic facing the country is having a profound impact on the economy and has greatly expanded the need for charitable organizations to provide additional services in an unprecedented manner. At the same time, the economic downturn will undoubtedly result in a contraction in contributions and other sources of funding which are the lifeblood of many charitable organizations.

Nonprofits across the U.S. account for 10% of GDP and employ 12 million workers. With charitable contributions expected to decrease below 2008 recession levels, they need our help now more than ever. Without dramatic and immediate financial and programmatic assistance, America's nonprofits and the people they serve face a precipitous decline in mission services at a time when their efforts are needed like never before by the most vulnerable in our communities.

As you know, nonprofits struggle severely in times of crisis in three specific areas:

- **Human Resources and Personnel**—carrying on basic operations when volunteers and older staff have been asked to stay home.
- **Supplies**—maintaining access to cleaning and sanitation goods when the public making a run on these same products.

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- **Food**—accessing food at a time when food donations from the public have dropped off and restaurants that provide leftovers have shut down.

Not only are these services necessary for the well-being of our communities, these non-profit organizations provide a sense of hope and purpose for all Americans. They are the frontline responders for providing food, shelter, medical services, and various other vital services to the needy in our communities. Everywhere in America charitable organizations are already in place serving the needs of residents. Every dollar granted, donated, or earned goes back into the community immediately to address the crisis.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We appreciate your hard work on behalf of all Americans.

Sincerely,

Doug Lamborn

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Member of Congress