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Florida Congressional Delegation

RE: Chambers of Commerce in Florida Urge You to Support 501c(6) Organizations in Future Federal COVID-19 Economic Recovery Legislation

Dear Members of Florida's Congressional Delegation:

As leaders of Florida's business community, the Florida Chamber of Commerce and the undersigned local chambers of commerce thank you for the actions you've taken to help Florida's job creators keep as many workers employed as possible while also working to ensure they don't go under during this time of crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic --- especially right now when our members and Florida's economic future need us more than ever!

While we appreciate the steps already taken, we recognize that there likely will be a need for additional economic relief packages to ensure the economic foundation of our state and country remain solid. Therefore, on behalf of Florida's business community which we serve, and not-for-profit businesses across Florida, we specifically encourage you to support and pass legislation that will provide relief for job creators operating as 501c(6) not-for-profit organizations.

This is important because:

- Chambers of Commerce are essential services and need to weather this economic storm so we can help our members stay in business and provide services to your constituents;
- Not-for-profit businesses of all sizes improve their liquidity, so they can support their employees, and delay or suspend the remittance of all payroll taxes;
- It will expand and streamline loan programs for as many businesses as possible experiencing revenue loss as a result of COVID-19, and allow those businesses to convert the loans to grants to the extent that they use the funds to pay their employees and/or other outstanding obligations such as rent or premiums; and
- It will enable the creation of credit facilities to provide loans and loan guarantees to all employers negatively impacted by COVID-19 so that they can maintain operations, many of which are (or support) critical infrastructure services, and pay their employees.

The Florida Chamber and local chambers across Florida are doing their part, uniting hundreds of thousands of businesses and working with our governor and the state legislature to keep Floridians safe and the economy open. We're counting on you to set aside partisan politics and keep leading. We all stand ready to continue helping Florida business to survive this crisis and eventually thrive again.

In unity for Florida's future,
My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Wilson".

Mark Wilson
President and CEO

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Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce
Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce
Bay County Chamber of Commerce
Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
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Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County, Inc.
Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce
Citrus County Chamber of Commerce
Clay County Chamber of Commerce
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Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce
Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
Coral Springs Coconut Creek Chamber of Commerce
Daytona Regional Chamber
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Destin Chamber of Commerce
East Orlando Chamber of Commerce
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Hallandale Beach Chamber of Commerce
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Key West Chamber of Commerce
Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Lakeland Chamber of Commerce
Lake Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce
Lake Nona Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lake Wales Area Chamber of Commerce
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North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce
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