

March 15, 2021

The Honorable Ben Cardin  
Chair, Senate Small Business Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Carolyn Bourdeaux  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nydia Velazquez  
Chair  
House Small Business Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer  
Ranking Member  
House Small Business Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Young Kim  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Cardin, Collins and Shaheen and Representatives Velazquez, Luetkemeyer, Bourdeaux and Kim:

The undersigned organizations are writing to thank you for your bicameral leadership and swift bipartisan action to provide relief to America's small businesses through this economic emergency. We strongly support the *PPP Extension Act of 2021*, which will extend the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) application period beyond the March 31, 2021 sunset date.

While we realize the Small Business Administration (SBA) is under tremendous time constraints and is struggling with internal resource issues, our members are highly concerned by the lack of progress on major Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) processing issues, including hold/error codes and application rejections due to Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN") issues or mismatches, in addition to many unresolved technical problems with the current PPP process. These delays and denials may put many applicants in danger of not making the March 31st authorization deadline.

Nearly one year into the COVID-19 pandemic, the continued liquidity challenges of the small business sector are acute, especially for those business limited by dramatic capacity restrictions and other critical health and safety protocols in place to protect the public, consumers and workers from COVID-19. Thank you for extending the window of opportunity for pandemic programs to effectively impact the affected small business sector, especially those traditionally under-invested and underserved groups which must also be given the chance to succeed.

We stand ready to work with you during this critical moment, and thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Accessories Council (AC)  
AICC, The Independent Packaging Association  
American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)  
American Bankers Association  
American Beverage Licensees  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Dental Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Hotel & Lodging Association  
American Lighting Association  
American Mold Builders Association  
American Rental Association  
American Society of Travel Advisors  
American Subcontractors Association  
American Supply Association  
AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology  
Asian American Hotel Owners Association  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry  
Auto Care Association  
Bank Policy Institute  
Brea Chamber of Commerce  
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International  
Chemical Fabrics & Film Association (CFFA)  
Coalition of Franchisee Associations  
Consumer Bankers Association  
Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA)  
Economic Innovation Group  
Electronics Representatives Association  
Energy Marketers of America  
Foodservice Consultants Society International - The Americas  
Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association  
Franchise Business Services  
Global Business Travel Association  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America  
Independent Electrical Contractors  
International Council of Shopping Centers  
International Franchise Association  
ISSA – The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association  
Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County  
La Habra Chamber of Commerce  
National Association of Development Companies (NADCO)

National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders (NAGGL)  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents  
National Association of the Remodeling Industry  
National Association of Theatre Owners  
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers  
National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)  
National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA)  
National Community Pharmacists Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Chain Restaurants  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Association (NEMRA)  
National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)  
National Fisheries Institute  
National Franchisee Association  
National Independent Venue Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Restaurant Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National RV Dealers Association (RVDA)  
National Small Business Association  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)  
North American Die Casting Association  
Orange County Business Council  
Pet Industry Distributors Association  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Promotional Products Association International (PPAI)  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association  
Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades (SSDA-AT)  
Small Business Council of America  
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
Small Business Legislative Council  
Small Business Majority  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Specialty Tools & Fasteners Distributors Association (STAFDA)  
SPRI  
Tile Roofing Industry Alliance  
Tire Industry Association (TIA)  
The Real Estate Roundtable  
Travel Goods Association (TGA)  
United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

United Veterinary Services Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Travel Association  
Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce

cc: U.S. Congress