



Appeal to Congressional Delegation Regarding COVID-19 Relief

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The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce (KC Chamber) thanks you for your determination and bipartisan cooperation on aiding the business community of greater Kansas City during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The KC Chamber stands ready to assist our federal delegation with resources and information that will give you a better understanding of the COVID-19 impact and response back at home.

Thank You: The KC Chamber applauds the two coronavirus relief bills passed by Congress. We have briefed our members on these policy measures and received great feedback on the value of your bipartisan action to provide relief and assistance to businesses and individuals affected by this crisis.

The Chamber calls on Congress to pass the proposed “**Phase 3**” **coronavirus relief bill** to assist businesses with urgent cash flow problems and provide immediate relief to millions of working individuals and families. We believe Phase 3 policies should include measures to help stabilize financial, labor and housing markets, address the educational impact of COVID-19, and other considerations related to employers so that they will be able to keep operations functioning with minimal disruptions. Meanwhile, we also urge you to coordinate with the respective governors of our two states to ensure that Missouri and Kansas receive their fair share of every federal dollar being allocated to help our local businesses, healthcare providers and citizens.

The KC Chamber also urges Congress to be mindful of the lengthy economic recovery that lies ahead and consider measures that will **help rebuild the economy following the COVID-19 crisis**. To rebuild the economy, Congress should commit to further cash flow assistance measures for employers, stimuli to encourage business revitalization and growth and assurances for workers to remain employed.

The Chamber Can Help:

- In collaboration with the Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) and the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, we are conducting a **survey of nearly 4000 area businesses** to measure anticipated business interruption and immediate needs/concerns of these employers. The KC Chamber will share the results of this survey with our federal delegation next week.
- Next week, the KC Chamber will launch a brief **weekly teleconference series for our federal delegation staff** to share important community intelligence on the issues businesses are facing during this time of crisis and answer your questions about regional impact and needs. ***Would you and your staff be interested in participating in this brief weekly update?***