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April 8, 2020

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C, 20510

The Honorable Kamala Harris  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C., 20510

The Honorable Mike Levin  
United States House of Representatives  
Longworth House Office Building, #1626  
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Katie Porter  
United States House of Representatives  
Longworth House Office Building, #1117  
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The Honorable Harley Rouda  
United States House of Representatives  
Longworth House Office Building, #2300  
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Senators Feinstein and Harris and Congressmembers Levin, Porter and Rouda:

Thank you for your collective efforts to advance the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that allocated \$350 billion to help small businesses keep workers employed amid the pandemic and economic downturn.

The Paycheck Protection Program initiative that provides 100% federally guaranteed loans to small businesses is appropriately targeted to help small businesses that are the backbone of employment and entrepreneurship in the U.S. economy.

While the initial rollout of the program has faced challenges as banks and the Department of the Treasury have hurried to prepare to implement this important effort, it is clear that the initial \$350 billion allocated for this program will be insufficient to meet the needs of small businesses across the country.

Recent news reports say that United States Treasury Secretary Mnuchin has reached out to the leadership in both the Senate and the House to pursue an additional \$250 billion for this important program. I urge your support of this effort to expeditiously provide additional funding to assist our small businesses.

Like you, I am hearing from many small business owners in Orange and San Diego Counties that have been unable to benefit from these loans as some banks are already oversubscribed and others are facing implementation problems. As the technical problems are being addressed, the financial shortfall problems can only be addressed by an infusion of additional money. As such, I strongly support efforts to provide the needed resources to ensure that our small business owners and employees can weather the significant fiscal impacts from the COVID 19 pandemic.

Again, thank you for your collective efforts on the CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program to date. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



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Senator, 36<sup>th</sup> District