

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 18, 2020

The Honorable Jovita Carranza
Administrator
United States Small Business Administration
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Washington, DC 20416

Administrator Carranza:

Thank you for your leadership during this difficult time for our nation's small businesses. As members of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation, we write in support of Pennsylvania Governor Wolf's request to unlock SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance for our communities.

Cities and towns across our country are beginning to grapple with the economic impact that mitigating the spread of COVID-19 will have, particularly on our small businesses. Each of us has heard from small business owners who are concerned about cash flow during this time when people are encouraged by public health officials to stay home and when non-essential businesses are encouraged to close in some areas of Pennsylvania.

We were proud to support legislation to provide emergency loans to small businesses affected by this disaster, and we are grateful for the work of you and your team to rapidly operationalize this assistance. We especially commend the SBA for a user-friendly webpage of resources for our small business owners.

Governor Wolf has heard from businesses in all 67 counties across the Commonwealth and has asked the SBA for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration. We strongly support this request and ask that you grant it expeditiously.

We also ask that you share with us any resource or legislative barriers that SBA may experience in expediting financial relief. As the Congress continues to legislate on this crisis, we would welcome that feedback. Likewise, we plan to share feedback from our constituent small businesses with your team in the coming weeks as we all work together to mitigate the spread of this virus and try to shore up our country's economic health.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

Pat Toomey
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