

July 17, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of our collective organizations, we would like to thank Congress for its efforts to combat the challenging effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136) has provided important support to small business dental practices. Many small businesses in the dental community continue to face challenges that require action and assistance. As Congress looks to its next legislative package to help the country deal with this continuing crisis, we respectfully request you consider assisting dental practices and their patients by:

- Providing tax credits to small businesses for the purchase of additional personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety improvements to the office.
- Increasing the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) using an economic indicator, while also keeping in place maintenance of effort (MOE) protections if used to support state Medicaid programs with adult and child dental services.
- Providing temporary and targeted liability protection to small businesses that follow applicable public health guidelines during the pandemic.
- Providing additional flexibility for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans by allowing borrowers to:
 - Take advantage of the Employee Retention Tax Credit.
 - Use PPP funds to purchase PPE.
 - Take out additional PPP funds.
 - Apply for PPP loans if they are 501(c)(6) organizations.
 - Deduct expenses paid for with PPP loans.
- Incentivizing health care practitioners to work in health-disadvantaged communities that have been further undermined by COVID-19 by providing tax credits, federal grants, additional student loan repayment, and other incentives.

Many thanks for your work on these important issues. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Chris Tampio at the American Dental Association at tampioc@ada.org.

Sincerely,

American Dental Association
Academy of General Dentistry
American Academy of Dental Group Practice

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Periodontology
American Association of Endodontists
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Association of Orthodontists
American Association of Women Dentists
American College of Prosthodontists
American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists
American Student Dental Association
Alabama Dental Association
Arizona Dental Association
Arkansas State Dental Association
California Dental Association
Colorado Dental Association
Florida Dental Association
Georgia Dental Association
Hawaii Dental Association
Idaho State Dental Association
Illinois State Dental Society
Indiana Dental Association
Iowa Dental Association
Kentucky Dental Association
Louisiana Dental Association
Maine Dental Association
Maryland State Dental Association
Michigan Dental Association
Minnesota Dental Association
Missouri Dental Association
Montana Dental Association
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