

March 20, 2020

Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Congressman Kevin McCarthy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Mitch McConnell  
Senator Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:**

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

We need a bailout for American workers, not just a bailout for American industry. The bottom line is this: there is no safety net. Workers are in freefall and there is nothing to catch them. Workers and their families face financial collapse, lost health care, and the loss of their home. They must be the top priority in any legislative package to help our economy recover from COVID-19.

Our industries - hotels, gaming, food service and transportation - have been devastated by the pandemic. We expect at least 8 out of 10 of our more than 300,000 members to be laid-off for an indefinite period of time due to coronavirus-related shutdowns. Workers in our industries are facing devastation.

- Their major source of income has disappeared
- Their health insurance is at risk
- Their ability to pay for food and other necessities is collapsing
- And they could lose their homes

Already, we are facing layoffs of up to 90% of our membership; most of our companies have shuttered or dramatically reduced operations. All casinos and most hotels are closed for business. Convention and conference centers are closed. Universities and sports events are shutdown. Amtrak is hemorrhaging. We support efforts to stabilize our industries but those efforts cannot leave the workers behind. We call on Congress and the President to:

**Ensure unemployment insurance** does not lapse for those who have lost their jobs due to Covid-19 coronavirus before we have seen a turnaround in our economy and our industries.

**Extend health care coverage** by requiring as a condition of receiving relief under a relief package, that any eligible company in our industry maintain comprehensive health insurance coverage, without a co-premium from employees, for workers laid-off or working reduced hours due to coronavirus through June 30, 2020; effective July 1, 2020, provide federal assistance to cover the cost of maintaining that coverage for workers and their dependents through December 31, 2020.



**Require emergency paid sick days** for those who must stay home due to a coronavirus quarantine order or to care for children.

**Guarantee Family and Medical Leave** of up to three months for those required to quarantine due to coronavirus or care for a child or family members due to the outbreak.

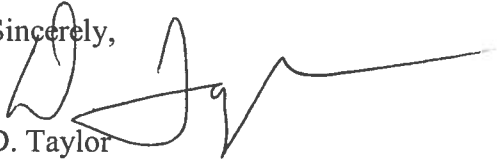
Maintain federal funding for expanded access to **supplemental nutrition programs WIC and food stamps** throughout the coronavirus crisis.

**Provide direct emergency rental and mortgage assistance** to low, moderate and middle income renters and homeowners who have been laid-off or experienced reduced hours due to coronavirus; protect renters from eviction and make sure that Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Federal Housing Administration and all federally insured or financed properties are making forbearance available for both renters and home owners. And provide federal assistance for forbearance payments, so that renters and homeowners don't just fall behind again after the crisis.

We urge you to move an emergency assistance package that saves the workers in our industries and across the economy from economic devastation. You must bailout our workers, not just American business – working people need their elected leaders to stand up for them too with a substantial assistance package.

Sincerely,

D. Taylor  
President

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