

April 21, 2020

The Honorable Paul Mitchell
Michigan's 10th Congressional District
211 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Mitchell,

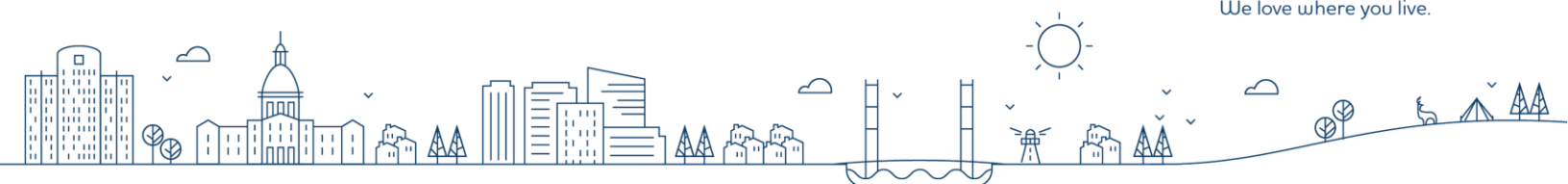
As the debate over increasing federal support for various sectors of the economy heats up in Washington, we urge you to support the more than 1,800 local units of government in Michigan by including direct federal aid for those municipalities serving on the front lines in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

As representatives of municipal leaders from across Michigan, we understand and appreciate the importance of protecting our community's small businesses by reviving the Paycheck Protection Program. We also ask that you include direct support for local governments, regardless of population size, alongside any new investment in the Paycheck Protection Program.

As you know, Michigan has a strong foundation in local government. The residents of our state rely upon local governments for public health, fire and police services, infrastructure and public works, elections, courts and criminal justice, veteran services, and protecting the homeless, among countless other functions. Communities across Michigan continue to provide these critical services, even during the current crisis where the severely limited revenue streams available to Michigan's local governments are disappearing at an alarming rate. Michigan's local governments bore the brunt of the recent Great Recession and have still not recovered to pre-recession levels. We cannot afford to ignore them during this current crisis, or we risk serious damage to the services all our residents rely upon every day.

The recent CARES Act, while providing some support for states and a limited number of large local governments, did not provide funding for most of Michigan's cities and villages, townships, or counties and the language in that funding strictly limits the eligible uses for

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those federal funds, excluding the drastic losses in state and local revenues that the abrupt shut down in our economy has experienced.

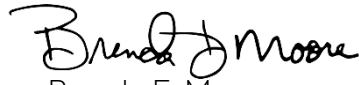
Michigan's local governments need direct financial support from the federal government and we need the flexibility to replace lost revenues. These additional resources will ensure that local governments can continue to support their frontline personnel that keep our communities safe.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



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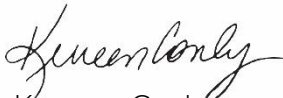
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