

July 31, 2020

The Honorable Marco Rubio
United States Senate
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Rubio and Collins:

On behalf of our 163,000 dentist members, we would like to thank you for your efforts to combat the persistent effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the provisions in your bill, S. 4321, the Continuing Small Business Recovery and Paycheck Protection Program Act, will be essential to ensuring our small business dental practices are able to continue to employ their staff and provide essential oral care services to their patients.

Small business dental practices face ongoing challenges that require action and assistance in pursuit of economic recovery. This bill provides solutions that are crucial to maintaining financial viability while contending with this public health crisis. The ADA supports the following enhancements to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that are included in the Continuing Small Business Recovery and Paycheck Protection Program Act:

- Expansion of PPP eligibility to include certain 501(c)(6) nonprofit organizations with 300 or fewer employees, which would greatly benefit our state and local dental associations.
- Coverage of worker protection expenditures, including personal protective equipment (PPE), as allowable and forgivable expenses for PPP funds.
- Streamlined forgiveness for PPP loans under \$150,000.
- Simplification of the application process for PPP loans between \$150,000 and \$2 million.

Again, the ADA supports these provisions in the Continuing Small Business Recovery and Paycheck Protection Program Act. We will continue to support bipartisan discussions that strive to include these provisions in future legislative efforts regarding COVID-19 relief. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Megan Mortimer at mortimerm@ada.org. Additional information is available at ADA.org/covid19advocacy.

Sincerely,

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