TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

The undersigned organizations urge you to include targeted and temporary liability protections as you consider President Biden’s COVID relief package. As the Administration strives to reopen schools, protect our nation’s health and strengthen our economy, these critical protections will help safeguard educational institutions, healthcare providers, businesses and non-profit organizations from unfair lawsuits.

The COVID-19 virus continues to rage throughout this country, presenting once-in-a-generation public health and economic challenges. Despite these difficulties, the development and distribution of vaccines give new hope for a future free of the crushing social and economic effects of the virus. Unfortunately, for many who remain on the front lines and continue to serve our communities during this pandemic, the threat of unfair litigation continues to loom. In 2020, over $23 million was spent by plaintiffs’ firms on COVID-19-related lawsuit advertisements, a clear indication that an influx of litigation is coming. As employers, educational institutions, and others answer President Biden’s very appropriate call for face coverings and other protective steps, they should not have to worry that their actions will invite costly and unnecessary litigation.

The time for federal action implementing liability protections from such litigation is now. We thus urge you to include balanced liability relief provisions similar to last Congress’ SAFE TO WORK ACT (S. 4317) in any further COVID-19 relief legislation. We believe that legislation in this space should ensure that unfair lawsuits will not hamper those who work to comply with applicable government guidelines. We also believe these protections should be limited in duration and scope in addition to preserving reasonable recourse for those harmed by truly bad actors.

Ensuring a bright post-pandemic future for our country’s healthcare, business, and non-profit communities is a bipartisan objective. In the last round of COVID-19 relief negotiations, we were encouraged to see lawmakers from both sides of the aisle recognize the need for targeted and temporary liability relief. Lawmakers must come together now and ensure that the entities who continue to serve and protect their communities during this pandemic are themselves protected from unfair and harmful lawsuits.

In the wake of prior crises, Congress came together to pass needed liability protections with strong bipartisan support because lawmakers understood the acute threat of lawsuits at moments of maximum economic vulnerability. That threat is present again now. As such, Congress must take strong action now and provide a national baseline of liability protection during this national pandemic to prevent an influx of lawsuits from inhibiting our return to a robust economy and healthy citizenry.

Sincerely,
American Property Casualty Insurance Association
American Rental Association
American Seniors Housing Association
American Society of Travel Advisors
American Tort Reform Association
American Waterways Operators
America’s Health Insurance Plans
America’s SBDC
Angel Fire Chamber of Commerce
Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce
Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce
AR State Chamber/AIA
Ardmore Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association
Arkansas Hospitality Association
Asian American Hotel Owners Association
Associated Builders & Contractors Empire State Chapter
Associated Builders & Contractors of Arkansas
Associated Builders & Contractors South Texas Chapter
Associated Builders & Contractors West Tennessee Chapter
Associated Builders & Contractors, Illinois Chapter
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated Builders and Contractors Alabama Chapter
Associated Builders and Contractors Central California Chapter
Associated Builders and Contractors of Central Texas
Associated Builders and Contractors of Cumberland Valley
Associated Builders and Contractors of Georgia
Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan
Associated Builders and Contractors of MN/ND
Associated Builders and Contractors of Ohio Valley
| Associated Builders and Contractors of Oklahoma | Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin (BCAW) |
| Associated Builders and Contractors of San Diego | Box Elder Chamber of Commerce |
| Associated Builders and Contractors of Virginia | Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce |
| Associated Builders and Contractors of Western PA | Bucyrus Chamber of Commerce |
| Associated Builders and Contractors Southern California Chapter | Business Council of Alabama |
| Associated Builders and Contractors Western Washington | Business Roundtable |
| Associated Builders and Contractors Delaware Chapter | Butler County Chamber of Commerce |
| Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. New Orleans-Bayou Chapter | Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce |
| Associated Equipment Distributors | California Business Roundtable |
| Associated General Contractors | California Chamber of Commerce |
| Associated Wire Rope Fabricators | California Hotel & Lodging Association |
| Association of American Universities | CAMBA and CAMBA Housing Ventures |
| Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities | Cambria Regional Chamber of Commerce |
| Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania | Campbell Chamber |
| Association of Washington Business | Capital Region Chamber |
| Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce | Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Aurora Chamber of Commerce | Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce |
| Auto Care Association | Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Inc. |
| Automotive Recyclers Association | Carson City Chamber of Commerce |
| Azusa Chamber of Commerce | Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Barrow County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. | Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance |
| Battery Council International | Cen-Tex Hispanic Chamber of Commerce |
| Bay Area Chamber of Commerce | Central Chamber |
| Beaver County Chamber of Commerce | Central Maryland Chamber of Commerce |
| Bellaire Chamber of Commerce | Chamber of Commerce Hawaii |
| Bend Chamber of Commerce | Chamber of Shipping of America |
| Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce | Chamber630 |
| Billings Chamber of Commerce | ChamberWest Chamber of Commerce |
| Biocom California | Chandler Chamber of Commerce |
| Biotechnology Innovation Organization | Charlotte Regional Business Alliance |
| Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce | Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Blair County Chamber of Commerce | Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield Association | Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce |
| Boise Metro Chamber | Christian County Chamber of Commerce |
| Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce | Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber |
| Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce | City of Umatilla Chamber of Commerce |
| | Civil Justice Association of California |
| | Coalition of Franchisee Associations |
| | Cobb Chamber |
| | Colorado Chamber of Commerce |
| | Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association |
| | Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce |
| | Columbus (TX) Chamber of Commerce |
| | Commerce Lexington |
Committee of 100 for Economic Development
Community Associations Institute (CAI)
Connecticut Lodging Association
Construction Industry Round Table
Consumer Bankers Association
Corvallis Chamber of Commerce
Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
Covington County Chamber of Commerce
Credit Union National Association
CrossState Credit Union Association
CTIA
Dana Point Chamber of Commerce
Davis Chamber of Commerce
Deadwood Gaming Association
Delaware Association of Insurance Agents & Brokers
Detroit Regional Chamber
Dooly County Chamber of Commerce
Edison Electric Institute
Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce
El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce
Eldorado County Chamber of Commerce
Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Encinitas Chamber of Commerce
Enterprise Chamber of Commerce
Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership
Exceed Enterprises
Explore Schuylkill
Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce
Family Business Coalition
Farmington Chamber of Commerce
Federation of American Hospitals
Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of Commerce
Flora, IL Chamber of Commerce
Florence Area Chamber of Commerce
Florida Chamber of Commerce
Florida Justice Reform Institute
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association
FMI Food Industry Association
Forest Grove/Cornelius Chamber of Commerce
Forum for Community Leaders
Franchise Business Services
Fremont Chamber of Commerce
Frisco Chamber of Commerce
Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce
Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce
Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce
Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
Gateway Chambers Alliance
GAWDA
General Contractors Association of Pennsylvania
Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce
Glass Packaging Institute (GPI)
Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association
GLMV Chamber of Commerce
Global Business Travel Association
Global Cold Chain Alliance
GOA Regional Business Association
GPA Midstream Association
Grand Rapids Chamber
Grapevine Chamber of Commerce
Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce
Greater Bakersfield Chamber
Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce
Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater East Mountain Chamber (aka Edgewood Chamber of Commerce)
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce
Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Hammond Chamber
Greater Houston Partnership
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce
Leading Builders of America
LeadingAge
Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce
Licking County Chamber of Commerce
Lima/Allen County Chamber Of Commerce
Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce
Linton-Stockton Chamber of Commerce
Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce
Lodi District Chamber of Commerce
Logan County Chamber Of Commerce
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed)
Louisiana Coalition for Common Sense
Louisiana Hotel & Lodging Association
Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch
Loveland Chamber of Commerce
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce
Malibu Chamber of Commerce
Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce
Manufactured Housing Institute
Manufacturer & Business Association
Marana Chamber of Commerce
Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Hotel Lodging Association
Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce
Massachusetts Lodging Association
Mau Chamber of Commerce
McAllen Chamber of Commerce
Medical Device Manufacturers Association (MDMA)
Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce
Meridian Chamber of Commerce
Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Mesquite NV Chamber of Commerce
Metals Service Center Institute
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association
Minnesota Retailers Association
Miramar Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Missouri Retailers Association
Missouri Tire Industry Association
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Molalla Area Chamber of Commerce
Monroe Chamber of Commerce
Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association
Montebello Chamber of Commerce
Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce
Nampa Chamber of Commerce
National Air Carrier Association
National Apartment Association
National Association of Chain Drug Stores
National Association of Electrical Distributors
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)
National Association of Professional Employer Organizations
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents
National Association of Security Companies
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Business Aviation Association
National City Chamber of Commerce
National Club Association
National Community Pharmacists Association
National Cotton Council
National Fastener Distributors Association
National Franchisee Association
National Grocers Association
National Limousine Association
National Marine Distributors Association
National Multifamily Housing Council
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
National Roofing Contractors Association
National RV Dealers Association (RVDA)
National Small Business Association
National Tooling and Machining Association
NC Chamber
Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce
Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce, Inc
Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce
Redding Chamber of Commerce
Regional Chamber of Commerce - San Gabriel Valley
Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce
Retail Association of Maine
Retail Merchants of Hawaii
Rhode Island Hospitality Association
Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce
Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce
Rowan Chamber
Rowlett Chamber of Commerce
S Corporation Association
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Salt Lake Chamber
San Benito Chamber of Commerce
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce
San Mateo Chamber of Commerce
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce
San Ramon Chamber of Commerce
Sanger Chamber of Commerce
Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce
Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce
Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce
Saratoga Chamber of Commerce
Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce
Seaside Chamber of Commerce
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Slavic-American Chamber of Commerce
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Somerset County PA Chamber of Commerce
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association / Myrtle Beach Hospitality
South Carolina Trucking Association
South Dakota Retailers Association
South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
South Gate Chamber Of Commerce
South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce
South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
South Valley Chamber of Commerce
Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce
Southwest California Legislative Council
Southwest Regional Chamber of Commerce
Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce
Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)
Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce
Springerville-Eagar Chamber of Commerce
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce (Missouri)
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce (Oregon)
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
St. Louis Area Hotel Association
Stayton Sublimity Chamber of Commerce
Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce
Streetsboro Area Chamber of Commerce
Summerfield Civic Association
Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber Of Commerce
Taos County Chamber Of Commerce
Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce
Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association
Terrell Chamber of Commerce
Texas Civil Justice League
Texas Hotel & Lodging Association
Texas Retailers Association (TRA)
The Aluminum Association
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.
The Chamber Grand Forks / East Grand Forks
The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia
The Chamber of Medford & Jackson County
The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers
The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce
The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
The State Chamber of Oklahoma
The Travel Technology Association
Tigard Chamber of Commerce
Tile Roofing Industry Alliance
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
Traverse Connect
Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce
Tri-County Chamber Alliance
Troy Area Chamber of Commerce
Truck Renting and Leasing Association
Tulare Chamber of Commerce
Umatilla Chamber of Commerce
United Chambers of Commerce
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce
USTelecom - The Broadband Association
Utah Tourism Industry Association
Vail Valley Partnership
Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA)
Vegas Chamber
Vermont Chamber of Commerce
Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, and Travel Association
Washington Hospitality Association
Washington Retail Association
Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce
West Shore Chamber of Commerce
West Valley Chamber of Commerce Alliance
West Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association
Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association (WSIA)
Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce
Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce
Winnie Area Chamber Of Commerce
Winona Area Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin Association of Mutual Ins. Cos.
Wisconsin Civil Justice Council
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association
Worldwide ERC®
WP Chamber of Commerce
Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association
Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce
York County Economic Alliance
Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce