

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ben Cardin
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable James Lankford
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Susan Collins
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Angus King
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Rob Portman
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Roger Marshall, M.D.
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Baldwin, Cardin, Lankford, Collins, King, Portman, and Marshall:

On behalf of the 162,000 members of the American Dental Association (ADA), we are writing to thank you for introducing S. 1232, the PPP Flexibility for Farmers, Ranchers, and the Self-Employed Act.

The majority of dental practices are small businesses, including many sole proprietorships. The ADA recommended that dentists close their offices during the spring of 2020 for all but urgent and emergency procedures. These closures did not occur during a fixed calendar quarter, but rather during the months of March, April, and May. After dental offices reopened, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has helped dentists to retain and rehire employees and continue to serve the oral health needs of their patients.

S. 1232 would allow sole proprietorships to use gross rather than net income when applying for PPP loans. Sole proprietors who had previously applied for PPP using net income would be able to recalculate and receive an increased benefit. The legislation would also adjust the eligibility calculation to 90 consecutive days, rather than a calendar quarter.

Thank you again for introducing the PPP Flexibility for Farmers, Ranchers, and the Self-Employed Act. The ADA is proud to support this bill and looks forward to continuing to work with you to assist dentists and their patients. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Megan Mortimer at mortimer@ada.org.

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