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Take Action on CARES 2.0

Urge Congress to add the following provisions to the next phase of COVID-19 relief legislation

Dear Doctor,

I would like to start off by thanking you for your advocacy. Through your efforts, we were able to ensure that Congress included our dental concerns in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act — or CARES ACT. We need your help again! Congress is set to take up the next legislative package in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the coming weeks. This version will expand on some of the provisions in the CARES Act and will address other concerns and issues brought forth by the pandemic. We are asking Congress to include the following provisions in the next phase of economic stimulus and COVID-19 relief legislation.

- Allow small businesses to have increased flexibility within the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for which they seek forgiveness for the PPP loans. This will allow small businesses to make more appropriate decisions about staffing and payroll based on when they plan to fully reopen.
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- Ensure adequate oversight over the distribution and loan forgiveness provisions in the CARES Act for PPP loans. This will guarantee that only those small businesses that were economically distressed as a result of the pandemic receive the funds and forgiveness.
- Intensify the production of personal protective equipment (PPE) and focus its distribution to health care providers, including dentists, who are treating emergency cases or near emergency cases now and in the future without an adequate supply of N95 masks and face shields. This will help the dental team to continue to practice in a safe environment for themselves and their patients.
- Provide tax credits or allow PPP funds to be used for the purchase of additional PPE and safety improvements to the office. This will assist financially stressed practices in providing an additional layer of safety and protection.
- Extend the Department of Health and Human Services' discretionary authority during public health emergencies to provide targeted liability protections for providers who administer FDA-authorized COVID-19 diagnostic tests within their scope of practice until the end of 2020. This will expand the nation's capacity to screen patients for COVID-19 outside of already burdened hospital emergency

departments.

- Permit 501(c)(6) organizations to utilize the PPP or future small business loan programs. This will ensure that non-profit medical and dental associations can continue to serve as a trusted resource for their health care professionals and patients.

Please urge your members of Congress to support these provisions in the upcoming COVID-19 package.

Take Action Now!



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