

February 25, 2021

The Honorable Ben Cardin
Chair
Senate Committee on Small Business &
Entrepreneurship
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rand Paul
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Small Business &
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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
Chair
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
General Government
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cindy Hyde-Smith
Ranking Member
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RE: Extension of Paycheck Protection Program Application Deadline

Dear Chairs Cardin and Van Hollen and Ranking Members Paul and Hyde-Smith:

Thank you for the work that you and your committees have done on behalf of the nonprofit sector during the pandemic. The undersigned organizations continue to provide needed assistance to the most vulnerable in our communities and the support provided by the Paycheck Protection Program (“the PPP”) has been especially beneficial in permitting us to retain our workforce and respond to the tremendous growth in demand for the services of charitable nonprofits throughout the health and economic crises.

As you know, Congress is currently debating “budget reconciliation” legislation that will likely make important amendments to the PPP and other programs administered by the Small Business Administration. At the same time, the White House has announced changes to the PPP to further promote equitable access to relief. We heartily support both developments but are concerned that some businesses and nonprofits will need more time to fully access the PPP before the current statutory deadline of March 31, 2021.

To adequately assure that all qualifying businesses and nonprofits can access needed PPP relief, we respectfully request that Congress extend the PPP application deadline from the end of March through the end of the year. In making this request, we join with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business groups in seeking a delay in the sunset date so that all eligible employers can secure the support that Congress intends.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Strong Families and Communities
American Alliance of Museums
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
Americans for the Arts

Ascentria Care Alliance
Association of Art Museum Directors
Bethany Christian Services
Boys & Girls Clubs of America
Boys Town
CA Alliance of Child and Family Services
Catholic Charities USA
Chicago Commons
Council on Foundations
Dance/USA
Ducks Unlimited
Four Oaks Family and Children's Services
Girl Scouts of the USA
Girls Inc.
Goddard Riverside-NY
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity International
Hathaway-Sycamores
Home of the Innocents
Independent Sector
Jewish Family & Children's Service of Arizona
Jewish Federations of North America
Kentucky Nonprofit Network
League of American Orchestras
Lutheran Services in America
March of Dimes
Maryland Nonprofits
Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy
National Council of Nonprofits
National Health Council
One Hope United
OPERA America
Seneca Family of Agencies
The Children's Guild Alliance
The Nonprofit Alliance
Theatre Communications Group
UCAN
Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America
United Way Worldwide
Volunteers of America
YMCA OF THE USA
YWCA USA