

September 28, 2020

Dear Members of the U.S. House of Representatives:

The undersigned organizations represent small businesses in every sector of the economy, and we are writing to ask for swift action to support America's small businesses with additional relief. Our small business members are desperately struggling to survive the COVID-19 health pandemic and the subsequent economic fallout. Specifically, we are asking you to courageously put your constituents above Washington, D.C. politics and sign the discharge petition initiated by Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler to compel the House to vote on H.R.8265, which would provide the access to additional capital that small businesses, their employees and stakeholders need. The bill would amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to establish a program for second draw loans and make other modifications to the Paycheck Protection Program.

While we may have preferred that Congress process bipartisan, bicameral relief legislation through regular order, this discharge petition constitutes Main Street's last hope this year for additional relief. Therefore, in these unprecedented circumstances, we urge you to support small businesses as soon as possible by signing the Herrera Beutler petition.

Thank you for your consideration and appreciation of our concerns during this critical time.

Sincerely,

AICC, The Independent Packaging Association
Air Conditioning Contractors of America
American Beverage Licensees
American Foundry Society
American Home Furnishings Alliance
American Hotel & Lodging Association
American Lighting Association
American Society of Travel Advisors
American Staffing Association
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated Equipment Distributors
Blue Roof Franchise Association
Family Enterprise USA
Global Business Travel Association
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Home Care Association of America
Independent Electrical Contractors
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America
Independent Office Products & Furniture Dealers Alliance
Industrial Fasteners Institute
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Franchise Association

International Housewares Association
International Warehouse Logistics Association
Job Creators Network
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas
NFIB
National Association of Professional Employer Organizations
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents
National Association of the Remodeling Industry
National Community Pharmacists Association
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Electrical Manufacturers Representative Association
National Newspaper Association
National Office Products Alliance
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Retail Federation
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers
Office Furniture Dealers Alliance
Pet Industry Distributors Association
Petroleum Equipment Institute
Professional Beauty Association
Retail Bakers of America
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Tile Roofing Industry Alliance
U.S. Travel Association
Washington Retail Association