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Letter from Mayors to New York’s Congressional Delegation (updated on April 23, 2020)

Dear Member of New York's Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the New York State Conference of Mayors, the voice of New York’s 600 cities and villages, representing more than 12 million New Yorkers, we write to urgently request your support for additional federal funding for local governments. Municipalities from across New York – whether urban, suburban, or rural – are extremely concerned about receiving the fiscal relief needed given their falling revenues and the unbudgeted spending necessary to enact extraordinary measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus. NYCOM requests that Congress authorize relief to residents in cities, villages and towns, without regard to population size, as each of them struggles with the lost revenue and rising expenses associated with being on the frontlines of this pandemic. This essential revenue stream will not only assist local governments, but it will also help the many small businesses that operate on our main streets and to which we provide essential services.

Section 601 of the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) provided a \$150 billion fund for states, tribal governments, and units of local government with a population in excess of 500,000 people. The 36 cities in the United States with a population of more than 500,000 residents clearly need every bit of this funding. However, they represent only 14% of the country’s total population and only 0.18% of all municipalities.

Going forward, as Congress works with the White House on the next comprehensive COVID-related funding bill, it is essential that aid is provided to local and state governments and that you do not include a population threshold for additional aid dedicated to local governments. Even with a lower population threshold of 50,000, only 780 municipalities would qualify nationwide, and would leave tens of thousands of fiscally strapped municipalities and their more than 200 million residents without any direct federal aid. It makes no sense to use a population threshold for local budget relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, since the resulting financial and economic distress is not only an urban problem – it is a problem in every city, village and town in New York. Also, while we support additional federal aid for state governments, it must be done in a way that requires maintenance of effort by states in the aid they provide to their municipalities.

We need to do better, and we must do better. We cannot leave hundreds of millions of Americans in a position where their communities – in their greatest time of need – cannot access direct aid from their Federal government.

NYCOM is a resource and advocate for the New York’s cities and villages and their leaders. We are ready to assist your efforts in any capacity. If NYCOM can be of further help to you in this crisis, please contact Peter Baynes, NYCOM Executive Director, at 518-527-0350 or peter@nycom.org.

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Mayors, Managers and Administrators Signing On to Letter as of 5:00 p.m., May 7, 2020

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