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Dear Congressional Member:

The work you and your Congressional colleagues have done to date in response to the COVID-19 outbreak has been exemplary. We are extremely grateful for the commitment and dedication you and all the members of our Congressional delegation have demonstrated during this unprecedented crisis.

New Jersey is bracing for an explosive growth in COVID-19 patients in the next few weeks. This will put a heavy burden on our medical and health care facilities and it will also put a severe strain on our businesses and our economy.

To alleviate the negative impacts these strains are likely to create, we urge you to support the \$100 billion block grant proposed for the northeast and do everything you can to get it authorized and disseminated quickly.

This block grant will do much more than infuse cash into New Jersey's economy. It will help restore a much-needed sense of confidence in our people that businesses can continue to operate and that they will have jobs and some help in meeting their financial commitments.

We know there are many national priorities at this moment, but maintaining confidence in our economy and in the viability of our businesses must be among the top ones.

We believe that with your leadership, and the bipartisanship spirit that has allowed Congress to respond so effectively in this crisis, this block grant and its benefits can become a reality for New Jersey.

The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce stands ready to assist in this matter in any way.

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