

CITY COUNCIL

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Councilmember At-Large

December 8, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Pat Toomey United States Senator, Pennsylvania United States Senate Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Senator Schumer, Senator Toomey:

The City of Philadelphia is sincerely grateful for your continued leadership during these difficult times. As you well know, our nation is facing disastrous economic fallout from the necessary shutdown of business activity as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. In Philadelphia – a minority majority city with among the highest poverty levels of any major U.S. city – our small and minority-owned businesses are shuttering their doors and our people are at risk of losing everything. We need your support now more than ever before if our local economy is to survive.

We respectfully ask that you bring to a vote a minimum of \$908 billion for a COVID emergency relief package before the December 11th deadline and commit to the \$160 billion in direct and unrestricted funding to cities like Philadelphia. We understand the many challenges you face in managing the competing interests in both chambers of our federal government, but we cannot afford to leave our local businesses, especially the hospitality industry and the thousands of people they employ without the financial safety nets to get them through the winter.



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We appreciate your consistent leadership during this unprecedented crisis and we humbly look to you to provide the lifeline Philadelphians need in order to avoid the economic disaster we now face. We ask that you approve the emergency relief package and release these funds as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Allan Domb

Councilmember At-Large

CC: Honorable Robert Casey, Jr.

In Solidarity

Philadelphia City Councilmembers:

Council President Darrell Clarke, District 5

Councilmember Cindy Bass, District 8

Councilmember Kendra Brooks, At-Large



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State Senator Vincent Hughes, 7th Senatorial District

State Senator John Sabatina, Jr., 5th Senatorial District

State Senator Elect Nikil Saval, 1st Senatorial District

State Senator Sharif Street, 3rd Senatorial District

State Senator Christine Tartaglione, 2nd Senatorial District

State Senator Anthony Williams, 8th Senatorial District

State Representative Kevin Boyle, 172nd Legislative District

State Representative Donna Bullock, 195th Legislative District

State Representative Danilo Burgos, 197th Legislative District

State Representative Morgan Cephas, 192nd Legislative District

State Representative Jason Dawkins, 179th Legislative District

State Representative Pamela DeLissio, 194th Legislative District

State Representative Michael Driscoll, 173rd Legislative District

State Representative Elizabeth Fiedler, 184th Legislative District

State Representative Isabella Fitzgerald, 203rd Legislative District

State Representative Jordan Harris, 186th Legislative District

State Representative Joseph Hohenstein, 177th Legislative District

State Representative Mary Isaacson, 175th Legislative District

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State Representative Joanna McClinton, 191st Legislative District

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State Representative Brian Sims, 182nd Legislative District State Representative Jared Solomon, 202nd Legislative District

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Chestnut Hill Business District

Drexel University

East Passyunk Avenue Business Improvement District

Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District

Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce

Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance

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La Salle University

OceanFirst Bank

Passyunk Avenue Revitalization Corporation

Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association

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