Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin:

Last week, the President signed The Families First Coronavirus Response Act into law. This legislation places onerous burdens on small businesses in the form of expensive paid leave mandates. Now that the bill is in effect, it is critical that the Department of Treasury act immediately to issue guidance that will assist businesses in compliance and advise them of the resources and options available to them under this law.

We had serious reservations about this bill and ultimately could not support it. To us, now is not the time to place new and costly burdens on small business. In the words of the National Small Business Association, "the bill leaves many questions unanswered, and potentially creates more bureaucratic paperwork burdens for small companies to navigate in order to simply keep their business open and operating…We fear the government does not have the infrastructure and businesses do not have the administrative resources to access these advances in the time needed to deter business closures." This assessment is alarming and requires action.

It is essential that Treasury act immediately to issue guidance and get information in the hands of employers to avoid disastrous consequences. Every day that passes is another day of uncertainty that causes lasting harm. As Members of Congress representing hundreds of small businesses employing hundreds of thousands of our constituents, we will continue to closely monitor this situation.

Thank you for giving this matter your urgent attention.

Sincerely,

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Rep. William Timmons	Rep. Randy K. Weber	Rep. Ken Buck
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