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December 2, 2020

The Honorable Bob Casey
United States Senator
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Doyle
United States Congressman
306 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Pat Toomey
United State Senator
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Conor Lamb
United States Congressman
1224 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Casey, Senator Toomey, Congressman Doyle and Congressman Lamb:

I am writing to first thank you for your efforts in passing the CARES ACT at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES ACT has helped to bring relief to many American workers, small businesses, families, and government entities. With that said, December 30th is rapidly approaching, and these lifeline programs are set to end. I am urging you to work with your fellow members of Congress to extend these benefits and to create a new plan that would further provide the unemployed workers and business owners with assistance during these turmoil times.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, I as a state legislator, have heard the heartbreaking cries from constituents who have been faced with job loss, or the small business owner who has had to make the tough decision to close their family business because they no longer have the financial means to sustain. I have heard the troubling statistics facing the restaurant industry and am fearful of the detrimental economic impact that lies ahead for these businesses, employees, and families if Congress does not act to implement another plan. I have worked with my colleagues in the State House to resolve unemployment issues and to create programs that would provide individuals with rent/mortgage relief and have attempted to assist as much as possible from a state perspective but Pennsylvania needs your help to keep these programs going and serve our most vulnerable citizens.

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and we are continuing to face a rapidly increasing amount of daily cases throughout Pennsylvania and the entire country. I cannot sit by and watch as programs such as

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), and small business grants expire and leave Pennsylvanian`s unemployed and businesses closed with no form of financial assistance.

As benefits run out, bills continue to mount, savings accounts are being depleted, and families are left with the fear of losing their homes. These programs have been essential in alleviating some of the added strain that COVID-19 ravaged upon Americans and without them I am fearful of the economic strain it will have on Pennsylvania residents.

I respectfully ask you to work immediately with your colleagues in Congress to extend the CARES ACT funding and implement a new plan to further assist businesses, employees, families, and government entities during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours In Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Austin Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "D".

Austin Davis
State Representative
35th Legislative District