

Chamber Outlines Priorities for Next Round of Coronavirus Relief Legislation

The Chamber's CEO Tom Donohue sent a [letter](#) today to congressional leaders urging further economic relief to families, businesses, and communities as Congress begins to draft the next round of coronavirus relief legislation.

"We have not yet beaten the coronavirus or achieved the economic recovery that we all desire," Donohue wrote. "With the benefit of our experience to date and fresh data, Congress should enact proposals that are timely, temporary, and targeted to current needs. The Chamber urges policymakers to be judicious in their approach. While it is critical that Congress provide meaningful assistance to the unemployed, employers that continue to be negatively impacted by social distancing requirements, and state and local governments, it is also critical that we avoid counterproductive policies that will delay economic recovery or diminish long-term growth."

After conferring with members of all sizes across all industries as well as state and local chambers from every state and territory through formal working groups and daily in-depth discussion, the Chamber urges Congress to enact targeted and temporary measures that address the following five key areas:

1. Liability protection against unwarranted lawsuits
2. Support for small and mid-size employers
3. Financial assistance for childcare and K-12 schools
4. Unemployment benefits and funding for job training
5. Assistance for state and local governments

For additional details and other recommended legislative actions, click [here](#).

ICYMI: U.S. Chamber Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer Neil Bradley [appeared on CNBC](#) today to discuss the next round of pandemic relief. On liability protection, he said, "We're not asking for immunity for anyone here. We believe in a commonsense safe harbor: You follow the advice of the medical experts in your business or your school, and you shouldn't be worried about a court second-guessing that later."