

United States Congress

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The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
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Dear Mr. Carranza and Secretary Mnuchin,

Congress authorized the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide financial support and stability to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, small businesses across Maryland have provided us with troubling reports regarding limitations on the disbursement and use of the PPP loan proceeds. We therefore request that your agencies coordinate to provide updated guidance allowing for delayed disbursement of funds and extended use of proceeds in order to better align with business re-openings. Specifically, we requesting the following:

- The Department of Treasury should issue revised guidance specifying that disbursement of PPP loan proceeds may be delayed. Currently, the Department of Treasury requires disbursement of those funds within 10 days after loan approval.
- The Department of Treasury should issue revised guidance clarifying that PPP loan proceeds may be used after June 30, 2020 and until a reasonable amount of time has passed after the end of state emergency restrictions to ensure that small businesses can get back up and running.

As small businesses work through the application system and plan their use of PPP funds in such a way as to satisfy the requirements for loan forgiveness under the program, we must ensure that proper guidance is promptly disseminated in order to allow for the most beneficial use of the program by the businesses it was meant to serve.

As Congress works to provide additional funding for the PPP program, we would appreciate your immediate consideration and urge that the requested guidance in this letter be given today as many businesses have already had their loans approved and are being asked to distribute their funds on a similar timeline.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator



David Trone
Member of Congress



Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress