



April 13, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation’s engineering industry – we strongly urge you to act quickly on legislation that will provide additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

While additional measures are needed to help America’s small, medium and large engineering firms through this challenging period, the PPP loans created through the CARES Act are helping to preserve engineering jobs, mitigate cash-flow problems and keep firms working on essential infrastructure projects. While more needs to be done to ensure that loan applications are processed quickly, your vision in creating the program has been more than validated. We respectfully urge you to move quickly on legislation to recapitalize the loan fund to keep America’s job creators in business.

We also wish to express our support for an infusion of \$50 billion in federal-aid highway program funding to help State departments of transportation keep essential operations and projects moving forward. Investments in infrastructure will play a critical role in a long-term recovery strategy, but short-term help is also needed to offset a significant drop in State DOT revenues that threaten current programs and projects.

Thank you for your attention and consideration, and please let me know if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Bauer Darr".

Linda Bauer Darr
President & CEO