



April 20, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leaders  
United States Senate  
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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

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

The United States is experiencing a more trying time than has been seen in recent history. Small businesses, including farmers, are taking a hard hit. The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is critical in keeping small businesses in operation and employees working during a time of social distancing, market losses, and demand for agricultural products spiraling downward.

America's corn farmers have watched our largest buyers, the ethanol and livestock industry, be pummeled by low prices and closed processing plants. Nearly 40% of corn goes to feed livestock across the country with roughly another 40% of corn going towards the ethanol industry. The ethanol market has slowed and even halted as some plants shut down production while protein demand is rapidly declining due to restaurant closures and other factors across the country. Our farmers and businesses are unable to keep up with paying rent, bills, input costs, and payroll amid the struggle of a slowing economy.

The Small Business Administration has announced the initial PPP funding has reached its limit and applications can no longer be accepted. The \$349 billion dollars for PPP was in such high demand because of the extreme struggle in the countryside that the funds didn't last two weeks. It is clear the PPP funding needs to be increased immediately and we write in full support of the \$250 billion replenishment being discussed in Congress. We cannot afford for our essential farmers to be turned away due to a lack of funding.

We thank you for making agriculture eligible to participate in the PPP program. Now, we need your help to ensure that agricultural businesses can continue to operate during the ongoing pandemic to make sure Americans have an abundant, safe food, feed and fuel supply during these unprecedented times.

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New York Corn and Soybean Growers Association  
Corn Growers of North Carolina  
North Dakota Corn Growers Association  
Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association  
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South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association  
South Dakota Corn Growers Association  
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Virginia Grain Producers Association  
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