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Tell Congress: Support Bipartisan Efforts to Improve Relief Efforts and To Provide Additional Funding

Restaurants and employees across the country are dealing with the heart-wrenching reality of skeleton operations because of state-mandated shutdowns. From corner diners to steakhouses to locally operated chains, all are facing the tough decision of how they will weather the COVID-19 crisis, resume operations, and get employees back to work.

So far, more than three million restaurant employees have lost their jobs, and 15 percent of all restaurants have permanently closed or are considering it in the next two weeks. The restaurant industry has lost over \$25 billion just since the crisis began.

Congress has created new loan programs to help small businesses, but restaurant owners are finding that they are not being implemented in a way that provides the relief they need now.

Operators from around the country are engaging Congress on behalf of the industry ([see Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen talk about needed changes for restaurants on the floor of the Senate](#)). But we need your help to amplify our efforts! Take action [here](#) to email your Representatives and Senators and tell them:

- You support bipartisan efforts to provide additional funding;
- And you support Congress taking action to make loan terms and other requirements flexible to reflect the unique operational and business model of restaurants.

Make your voice heard so that restaurants can survive today and once again thrive in the future.

TAKE ACTION



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Restaurant Impact Survey - April 2020

The National Restaurant Association is collecting information on the economic impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency. All information provided is anonymous and strictly confidential.

The previous survey covered the period of March 1 through March 22. Much has changed in the restaurant industry since that time. It is critical to have more recent data available when communicating with federal, state, and local elected officials, so that they can understand the full impact of the pandemic on the industry both in Missouri and the nation.

Thanks in advance for completing this brief survey.

TAKE THE SURVEY

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