

Tell your Senators to fix the Coronavirus Relief Bill

MRA Members and Friends,

Please read carefully; this is the most important communication MRA has distributed in a long time. In a few minutes, you will receive an ACTION ALERT regarding the Coronavirus Relief Bill. The “click and send” Alert requests that you contact our U.S. Senators regarding this important piece of legislation, which may be voted on as early as later today.

Clicking the “TAKE ACTION” button and proceeding as directed sends the message below to our senators. You will readily see the importance of delivering this message during this time of crisis. The Alert is the work of our partner, the National Restaurant Association, which is representing the concerns of the industry in excellent fashion.

Read the message below and [TAKE ACTION](#).

I am contacting you because I am extremely concerned about the effect of the coronavirus on my business and employees.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6201) admirably provides federal support to allow employers to offer leave to employees suffering from coronavirus.

However, the mechanism to do so – with small businesses paying for it, and having to wait for a substantial timeframe to be reimbursed from the government, in the form of payroll tax credits – creates substantial challenges for restaurants that are already struggling to maintain cash-flow.

In fact, many restaurants are being forced to curtail operations or completely close.

Please rework the emergency paid leave mandate to administer it within the federal government and not place it on restaurant owners, which are already struggling during this economic crisis.

In addition to this legislation, I urge you to work – in a bipartisan fashion in Congress and with the President – to quickly pass comprehensive and targeted economic recovery measures focused on addressing the economic fallout of the coronavirus.

Among those that we are particularly interested in are:

- Assistance in allowing businesses to defer mortgage, lease and loan obligations;

- Tax credits for businesses that are retaining employees;*
- Targeted grants that would go directly to businesses;*
- Assistance in allowing businesses to delay, defer, or forgo tax obligations;*
- Expanded access to effective, efficient and affordable federal and conventional loans;*
and
- Fixing the Qualified Improvement Property (QIP) technical correction, so businesses can (a)amend their returns and receive money back that they effectively overpaid in taxes, and (b)receive the benefit of bonus depreciation, as a stimulus measure.*