



*January 29, 2021
Florida's Congressional Delegation
Washington D.C.*

Dear Senators and Representatives,

As small business owners across Florida, we are urging you to support passing legislation immediately that will provide financial assistance to businesses struggling during the pandemic, fund necessary testing infrastructure, and boost the production and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Our state's economy is in crisis, and more people are dying from COVID19 every day.

Many small businesses face a continued slump in revenue, and many are hanging on by a thread. As the virus rages on, more restrictions may be necessary to curb the spread of the virus, and businesses need financial assistance to weather the storm.

Economists have made clear that in the long term, the only way to save lives and fully repair the economy is to get the virus under control.

Health experts agree that widespread testing is one of the most effective ways to reign in the virus, but our state is falling far short of the testing levels we'd need to effectively suppress the virus. According to the Brown University School of Public Health and Harvard Global Health Institute, Florida needs to do nearly [6 times more testing](#) than it's doing now. Federal assistance to states for purchasing testing supplies and coordinating testing infrastructure is key to hitting the appropriate testing levels as quickly as possible.

Masks, gloves, and other kinds of PPE are still in short supply, and we know wearing masks is one of the most effective ways to slow transmission of the virus. These shortages could get worse as the virus spreads across the country. We need the federal government to boost the production of PPE through the Defense Production Act, and to coordinate distribution of those materials in a transparent way.

For the sake of our lives and our livelihoods, please support passing legislation immediately that will:

- Provide financial assistance to small businesses to bolster their current standing and allow them to weather any future virus related restrictions;
- Invest at least \$50 billion for producing COVID19 tests and relevant testing infrastructure. That additional funding, plus the resources provided in the [last covid package](#), will give the level of support public health experts [deem necessary](#) for a robust testing response;
- Provide necessary funding to boost PPE production through the Defense Production Act, and establish a system for transparent distribution of those materials.

Without swift action, more Florida businesses will close their doors for good, and more lives will be lost unnecessarily to this deadly virus.

Sincerely,

Tampa Bay Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Willis Bowick, Tampa

Greater Gainesville Chamber, Eric Godet, Gainesville

Boca Grande Area Chamber of Commerce, Liliana Taylor, Boca Grande

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Holly Hill Chamber of Commerce, Samantha Crouch, Holly Hill

Greater Palm Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce, Dean Maratea, Palm Harbor

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Phaze One Skate Shop, Orlando Vazquez, Tallahassee

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McGuire's Barbershop LLC, Morris Hensley, Dunedin

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LCN Group Inc, Leighton Brown, Miami

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Montecarlo Services, Inc., Leticia Montero Rodriguez, Miami
Blue Digital Corp, Wayne Barclay, Miami
Potential Difference Inc, Stephen Iverson, Miami
Premier Printing Solutions Inc., Stephen Rothenberg, Cooper City
Atlas Concrete & Pavement Inc, Peter Rijos, Homestead
Park Ave CDs, Josiah Wess, Orlando
Access Nursecare, Inc, Audreya McLean, Hollywood
Big Rons Tree Service, Ronald von Paulus, Miami
Energy Care Technologies LLC, Elias Ray, Doral
Mix'd Greens, Inc., Mick Gnaegy, Homestead
INNOVAE GROUP, LLC, Renata DeWeert, Miami
Hydrorider, Millie Gutierrez, Miami
Miami mini riders transportation, Gina Delice, Miami Lakes
Ebenbach Consulting LLC, Karla Ebenbach, Coral Gables
Reyichi, Ashelle Rey, Orlando
Chavez South Florida Interiors Inc., Yanira Cerda, Miami
Mark Products USA, Dan Petrovic, Coral Gables
Demolition Masters Inc, Adonay Almeida, Coral Gables
SKALS LLC, Sergio Canepa, Miami Lakes
SDDJ CORPORATION, Saul Duarte, Miami
HXECUTE, Christine Cooper, Miami
Staff Squad, Inc, Heather Read, Miami
Us Intermed Corp, Juan Masson, South Miami
Sonny's Total Landscaping, Robert Clarrington, Miami
Valdivia Welding Services LLC, Carlos Valdivia, Miami
Mahogany Alliance Inc., Arthur Wright, Miami
Deli Fresh Threads, Anthony Bencomo, Orlando
RCS Group of Florida/ EMS Covid-19, Elizabeth Mesegue, Miami

virtualdeveloper.com, llc, Cecil John, Miami
A 2nd Chance Party Rental d/b/a Genair Event of So, Gilbert Velilla, Miami
Aeroservicios USA, Inc., Gabriel Serrano, Miami
C.L. Johnson Consulting, P.A., C.L. Johnson, Miami Lakes
DTWI, LLC d/b/a Defy Therapy & Wellness, Kelsey Zamoyski, Miami
Randazzo Catering, Frank Randazzo, Miami
Two Lions Winery & Palm Harbor Brewery, Rosetta Post, Palm Harbor
JKARE, Karen Alba, Homestead
JKARE, Stefany Garcia, Miami
Knight Property Management Service, Inc., Alberto Rabadan, Mangonia Park
Coakley Mechanical Inc, Dearington Coakley, Miami
LEE Construction Group, Inc., Irene Amaro, Doral
WRIGHT WORLDWIDE INC, James Wright, Miami Gardens
Mechanical Refrigeration Services, Inc., Alvin Ordonez, Miami
Wroy Professional Consulting, LLC, Myrtha Wroy, Miami Shores
Pineapple ARTS Management, Jeannette Pina, Fort Lauderdale
UniteUs Group, Andrew Martineau, Fort Lauderdale
PE Engineering, Jorge Maspons, Miami
South Dade Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Inc. d/b/a SDAC, Paul Morrow, Naranja
Art Fort Lauderdale, Andrew Martineau, Fort Lauderdale
TEICON GROUP INC, Juan Barradas, Miami
Peoples Transportation Corporation, Marquis Peoples, Miami
Caribbean Today NewsMagazine, Peter Webley, Miami
Instant Ancestors, Inc., Charlotte Thompson, Kissimmee
Smith's Picture Framing, S Sedlis, Fort Lauderdale
Bianca Valentim Photography, Bianca Valentim Thomas, Coral Springs
Maui Nix Inc., George Karamitos, Daytona Beach
DGMonson Adjusting, Dennis Monson, Zephyrhills
Pirate Fashions LLC, Tiger Lee, Tampa
My Shade & Texture, Pam Thompson, Tampa
You Do the Dishes, Cindy Kozlowski, Tampa

You Do the Dishes, Josephine Brown, Tampa