

Dear Representative,

I'm writing to strongly encourage you to reconsider the method for funding additional paid leave to employees in the Emergency Coronavirus Bill being considered in Congress. The way leave funding is currently structured in the bill is extremely worrisome to myself as an entrepreneur and business owner.

By funding the up to 14 weeks of additional leave with tax credits, businesses are required to dip into their own cash reserves when their revenues and cashflow are being the hardest hit due to the coronavirus outbreak. For many businesses this two-sided assault on cashflow will be impossible to survive, forcing them to close and worsening any economic tailspin.

I don't know what the ideal solution is. Direct payments and grants are one option, especially for employers who reach a certain threshold of employees taking leave and would be most strapped.

Regardless of the fix, I do believe that asking small businesses to provide massive short-term payroll financing while their sales and employee productivity are in free fall will result in the death of a significant number of American businesses.

I hope you'll reconsider and push to amend the method for funding payroll in the current bill. Thank you for your time and service in these trying times.

Sincerely,