

Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
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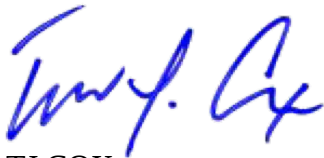
Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, and Leader Schumer:

As Congress continues to work on economic stimulus legislation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that you restore parity between the private and public sector when it comes to eligibility for tax credits to mitigate the costs of emergency paid leave provisions included in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

State and local governments are on the front lines in responding to this epidemic and coping with its punitive impacts. We strongly support provisions that provide emergency paid leave for employees, and tax credits allowing employers to recoup these costs. However, subsection (e)(4) of Section 7001 and subsection (e)(4) of Section 7003 exempt public employers from these tax credits despite their employees being eligible for emergency paid leave. This amounts to an unfunded federal mandate for state and local governments and should be amended. We respectfully request that you include this fix in subsequent COVID-19 economic stimulus legislation. Without it, these severe costs will undermine the ability of state and local governments to provide the critical public services necessary in the nation's COVID-19 response.

We appreciate your leadership as Congress continues to respond to the economic fallout from this pandemic. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



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