



March 20, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. President, Majority Leader McConnell, and Speaker Pelosi:

The Coalition for Workforce Innovation (CWI) was formed to bring together a broad, diverse group of stakeholders like the service sectors, small business start-ups, technology companies, as well as worker advocates to modernize federal workforce policy to enhance choice, flexibility, and economic opportunity for all workers.

CWI appreciates the work already done to ensure individuals who choose alternative, or flexible work arrangements, run their own businesses, and fall outside of the traditional W-2 relationship are included in stimulus conversations. Our hope is this continues, with targeted relief for workers who are disproportionately impacted by severe reductions in demand.

We are aware of conversations regarding direct payments to taxpayers based on income and family size. This is an important first step in providing direct stimulus to Americans. As a next step, we advocate for the pointed consideration of individuals who choose the freedom and flexibility to run their own businesses.

So these small business owners and entrepreneurs can be protected in a time of economic uncertainty, CWI encourages Congress to include in any stimulus package a one-time check for \$5,000 to small business owners earning less than \$500,000 in annual revenue. This would

include individuals who are self-employed or filed a 1099 with the Internal Revenue Service last year, so long as their income is less than \$75,000.

We welcome any conversations with you and your staff, and commit to partnering with your offices to support American innovators and workers during this time.

To learn more about CWI, please visit www.workforceinnovation.net.

Sincerely,

Coalition for Workforce Innovation