



ADIRONDACK REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WARREN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



April 16, 2020

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
478 Russell
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Elise M. Stefanik
318 Cannon Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand and Congresswoman Stefanik,

As representatives of the business community and greater community of Warren County, we have come together to request your support in one financial package to help address the health and economic challenges our citizens are facing due to COVID19.

- The Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) both need more funding immediately. Both programs are currently underfunded and loans have ceased to thousands of businesses in New York State. Our banks also need final guidance on loan forgiveness from the SBA for PPP.
- The current Medicare formula needs to change as it applies to New York State via the Federal Government. The current formula leaves New York State Hospitals short of Federal funds and reimbursements regarding treatment of COVID19 patients. New York hospital reimbursements are well below other state's hospital payments and reimbursement from the Federal Government.
- Local Government will need more funding support from the Federal Government due to COVID19. Tax revenues from all sources at the local level will be drastically reduced due to a long lasting economic slowdown.
- Our region still requires a robust J1 Visa program once our businesses are allowed to reopen, especially for our area's large tourism industry.

Thank you much for your attention to these matters which are a concern to us all. We look forward to working with you on the above and other issues to ensure New York stays as healthy as possible and our economy rebounds as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Frank Thomas
Chairman
Warren County, NY
Board of Supervisors

Ed Bartholomew
President
Warren County
Economic Development Corp

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