Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Minority Leader United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

We are asking for your very valuable help in getting desperately needed funding to our 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam territories to help millions of our hardworking American homeowners who have lost their jobs, through no fault of their own, pay their home mortgages and their electricity, water, and gas utility bills.

In order to address these challenges, we need to include in the next stimulus bill a state and territories homeowner mortgage and utilities assistance fund.

We are asking for \$75 billion in funds, which will be administered by the states and territories. These funds will be used to provide homeowners with mortgage payment assistance, principal reduction, reinstatement of mortgages following a period of forbearance, and utility payment assistance.

As we all know, homeownership is the foundation of both a family's economic security as well as state and local government economic security through the homeowner's property tax payments. We are working with legislative counsel to prepare the appropriate legislative language to be inserted into the next stimulus bill to get this critical funding to our 50 states, and the District of Columbia, as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam territories.

We deeply thank you, very much, for helping us get these funds in the bill so we can keep our American families in their homes and their water, electricity, and gas on.

Sincerely,

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