

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan
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Dear Governor Whitmer,

Thank you for leading our state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you know, on March 27th, the CARES Act was signed into law. Along with the unprecedented support for workers and small businesses, this included a new program for Temporary Fiscal Relief for States and Cities to stabilize our government entities in the wake of responding to the pandemic. Fortunately, estimations indicate that the state of Michigan could receive nearly \$4 billion from this stabilization fund.

However, this program only allowed localities with greater than 500,000 residents to apply for this funding. We are working in Congress to address this issue and hope to reduce or remove this arbitrary cap in any forthcoming coronavirus legislation.

In the meantime, we urge you to consider the needs of our small and mid-sized cities and towns as you distribute this funding. They are on the front lines of combatting this pandemic, saving lives and shoring up our local economies, all while ensuring the continuation of critical infrastructure like water, wastewater, police, and fire, among others. Without strong and immediate support, our smallest cities and towns will suffer significant revenue loss and long-term solvency issues at a time when their output is increasing in response to the crisis. We would appreciate you taking this into consideration as you allocate funding from this new program.

We must work together to preserve the survival of our cities and towns and prepare them for the long road ahead for recovery. In Congress, we will continue to work for the residents of our entire state, whether they're from big cities or small towns, to keep Michiganders safe and our communities strong.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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