

July 17, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204 Capitol Building  
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Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of our collective organizations, we would like to thank Congress for its efforts to combat the challenging effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136) has provided important support to small business dental practices. Many small businesses in the dental community continue to face challenges that require action and assistance. As Congress looks to its next legislative package to help the country deal with this continuing crisis, we respectfully request you consider assisting dental practices and their patients by:

- Providing tax credits to small businesses for the purchase of additional personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety improvements to the office.
- Increasing the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) using an economic indicator, while also keeping in place maintenance of effort (MOE) protections if used to support state Medicaid programs with adult and child dental services.
- Providing temporary and targeted liability protection to small businesses that follow applicable public health guidelines during the pandemic.
- Providing additional flexibility for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans by allowing borrowers to:
  - Take advantage of the Employee Retention Tax Credit.
  - Use PPP funds to purchase PPE.
  - Take out additional PPP funds.
  - Apply for PPP loans if they are 501(c)(6) organizations.
  - Deduct expenses paid for with PPP loans.
- Incentivizing health care practitioners to work in health-disadvantaged communities that have been further undermined by COVID-19 by providing tax credits, federal grants, additional student loan repayment, and other incentives.

Many thanks for your work on these important issues. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Chris Tampio at the American Dental Association at [tampioc@ada.org](mailto:tampioc@ada.org).

Sincerely,

American Dental Association  
Academy of General Dentistry  
American Academy of Dental Group Practice

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology  
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Periodontology  
American Association of Endodontists  
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
American Association of Orthodontists  
American Association of Women Dentists  
American College of Prosthodontists  
American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists  
American Student Dental Association  
Alabama Dental Association  
Arizona Dental Association  
Arkansas State Dental Association  
California Dental Association  
Colorado Dental Association  
Florida Dental Association  
Georgia Dental Association  
Hawaii Dental Association  
Idaho State Dental Association  
Illinois State Dental Society  
Indiana Dental Association  
Iowa Dental Association  
Kentucky Dental Association  
Louisiana Dental Association  
Maine Dental Association  
Maryland State Dental Association  
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