



Alaska State Legislature

December 1, 2020

Senator Lisa Murkowski
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Dan Sullivan
302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Congressman Don Young
2314 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan, and Congressman Young,

Thank you for your continued hard work and efforts on behalf of Alaskans and all Americans. These are unprecedented times, but we appreciate your previous support for federal legislation that provided critical relief to Alaskan families, businesses, and communities. Thank you.

We write to you today requesting additional federal financial assistance as soon as possible. The stories we hear of businesses on the edge of closing, families with depleted savings, and organizations and governments preparing to make devastating cuts to staff and services requires the utmost urgency. While the vast majority of funding provided by the federal CARES Act has been expended, Alaska remains in a challenging economic position: Tens of thousands of Alaskans are still unemployed and increased federal benefits have expired; many small businesses continue to struggle; local governments are considering cuts to services or increased taxes to offset revenue losses; and schools and universities are grappling with reduced enrollments and increased costs. The State of Alaska faces a multi hundred-million-dollar deficit before considering the PFD and will face difficult choices on how to provide needed services to Alaskans.

Without further federal assistance, the negative health and economic impacts being felt by Alaskans will continue and will likely increase significantly.

As our elected federal delegation, you have the expertise, knowledge, and awareness to determine what types and amounts of federal relief are politically possible. From our positions as elected state officials, we do ask that you consider federal relief that will provide support to unemployed Alaskans and individuals financially impacted by the pandemic, struggling Alaskan businesses, schools and universities, hospitals and health care providers, state and local governments, and for coronavirus testing and contact tracing to help contain the virus.

Thank you for your consideration of additional federal assistance that will help Alaskans during this extremely challenging time.

Sincerely,



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Representative-elect Calvin Schrage



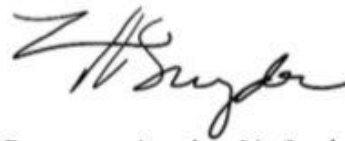
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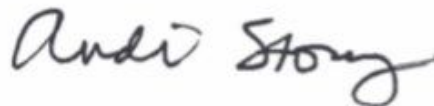
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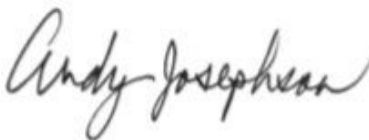
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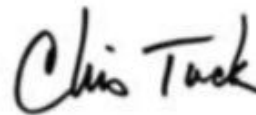
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Representative Chris Tuck



Representative Dan Ortiz



Representative Tiffany Zulkosky

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Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
Donald Trump, President of the United States