

July 24, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, the U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader, U.S. House of
Representatives
H-204, the U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Republican Leader
McCarthy:

On behalf of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) and the National
Association for the Self-Employed (NASE), we are reaching out during this time of crisis and asking you
to act on behalf of all the women-owned and self-employed businesses. It is our understanding that a
few critical provisions have been left out of recent discussions. We would like to bring these items to the
forefront, and respectfully request that you include these vital legislative proposals to ensure that
women-owned and self-employed businesses remain afloat during the pandemic.

We believe Congress should prioritize:

- **Inclusion of the Ensuring Increased Disaster Loans (EIDL) for Small Businesses of Act (S. 4227):**
By the lifting caps and infusing more money on the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)
Program and the EIDL Advance Program, our business owners will remain open by using these
long-term, low-interest loans that do not require a relationship with a financial institution.
- **Inclusion of Small Business Expense Protection Act of 2020 (S.3612):** As our business owners
climb the uphill battle to stay open, this proposal would allow businesses to deduct expenses
paid with a forgiven PPP loan from their taxes.

These common-sense, bipartisan solutions would greatly improve the economic landscape for our
members as they continue to face these hardships. Thank you for your continued support of our
nation's job creators, and we look forward to the day when we can work together to rebuild.

Sincerely,

Cristina Morales Heaney
NAWBO National Board Chair

Keith Hall
CEO & President, NASE

cc: The Honorable John Kennedy, Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government
The Honorable Chris Coons, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government
The Honorable Marco Rubio, Chairman, Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
The Honorable Ben Cardin, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
The Honorable Nydia Velazquez, Chair, House Committee on Small Business
The Honorable Steve Chabot, Ranking Member, House Committee on Small Business