



## COLLEGE of AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Leader  
United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer, Leader  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders McConnell, McCarthy and Schumer:

The College of American Pathologists (CAP) urges Congress to quickly provide additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program, which would ensure pathology practices and other small businesses facing financial insolvency are better equipped to survive this unprecedented National Emergency. As the world's largest organization of board-certified pathologists and leading provider of laboratory accreditation and proficiency testing programs, the CAP serves patients, pathologists, and the public by fostering and advocating excellence in the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine worldwide.

Pathologists are on the frontline of the current COVID-19 emergency, ensuring accurate and safe testing for all patients. However, we are hearing from many of our members that the shift in health care priorities, increase in non-reimbursable expenses, and the pause in non-essential surgeries and other procedures is resulting in significant financial losses which threaten the viability of many small and mid-size business physician practices. Further, many small and mid-size practices are less equipped to weather this financial crisis, for example, with limited ready access to capital. Immediate financial relief is crucial for practices that are extremely concerned about their ability to retain current employees and keep their practices up and running.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, is a potential lifeline for these practices, helping them maintain their workforce and focus on the essential critical task of testing and treating patients. However, the limited amount of funding provided for the PPP and the first-come-first-serve nature of the program is distressing to many of our members, who are already stretched thin. Additional funding would ensure that financially impacted small and mid-size practices can take the necessary time to apply and will be able to access the necessary funding.

We appreciate Congress's efforts thus far to protect small businesses and provide support for physicians and other health care providers. The CAP urges you to continue this work by providing the necessary and additional funding for the PPP, which will help physician practices and their patients. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Bogdan, Assistant Director, Legislation and Political Action, at [Sbogdan@cap.org](mailto:Sbogdan@cap.org) or 202-354-7106.

Sincerely,

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