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Dr. Carlos De La Rosa

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Dear Dr. De La Rosa:

Thank you for contacting me regarding efforts to provide relief from the coronavirus pandemic. I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me on this important matter.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact nearly every aspect of our lives from work to socialization, Congress is working to help protect our communities, small businesses, and the front-line workers keeping us safe. Most recently, the Democratic-led House of Representatives passed the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act (H.R. 6800) - a nearly \$3 trillion relief package. Some of the provisions in this bill include:

- \$93.2 billion for California to pay frontline health workers;
- An additional rebate payment of \$1,200 per person in a household up to \$6,000;
- \$3.6 billion to support nationwide vote by mail, early voting, and resources to protect poll workers;
- \$10 billion more for California small businesses;
- A \$200 billion "Heroes Fund" to increase pay for frontline workers including health care workers, police, fire, transportation, EMS, teachers and other vital workers who keep us safe and are in danger of losing their jobs;
- Stronger protections for safe workplaces;
- \$75 billion more for testing and contact tracing;
- Free treatment for coronavirus for everyone;
- Additional funding for hospitals and health care providers;
- Health insurance for employees who lose their jobs;
- Increased SNAP and school nutrition support; and
- A fund to assist renters and homeowners to make housing payments.

House Democrats passed this bill on May 15th by a vote of 208-to-199. The Senate should swiftly pass this legislation and the President should sign it without delay. As Congress continues working to help our communities combat the coronavirus, please be assured that I will keep your views in mind.

Again, thank you for contacting me. If I may be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mark DeSaulnier

Member of Congress

