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The Honorable Filemon Vela
United States House of Representatives
307 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lance Gooden
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Vela and Gooden:

We represent more than 150 organizations – from locally-owned businesses and chambers to trade associations – coming together to promote a sustainable recovery for America. Together, we represent 45 percent of the American workforce and roughly 58 million workers nationwide. Comprised of over 30 different business sectors, we are hairstylists, auto mechanics, hospitality workers, and dentists – and we are grateful for the leadership you have shown in introducing H.R. 7671, the Small Business Comeback Act of 2020.

America's Recovery Fund Coalition was conceived on the vital truth that the COVID-19 pandemic is indiscriminate in the businesses it affects. This virus does not choose which industries to ravage and which to spare. In the name of public health, all business sectors and all individual owners and employees have been asked to make sacrifices, and each will play a vital role in America's economic recovery story. That is why we strongly support the introduction of the Small Business Comeback Act: it does not pick winners and losers, but instead builds on previous COVID-19 relief efforts to provide greater stability and certainty across American industries.

Because the pandemic is so broad and continually evolving, so must be the response from Congress – and this bipartisan legislation, reflective of bold and necessary leadership, meets that need. By offering direct federal grants, as the Small Business Comeback Act does, you are empowering businesses to continue paying fixed operating expenses, such as rent and utilities, and continue paying employees, and providing benefits like health care with minimal administrative burden or financial liability. Further, with the assistance guaranteed by your bill, the businesses represented by our coalition will have the certainty they need to be able to stay open, provide jobs, and pay state and local taxes, which benefit their broader communities and will help shore up budgets at a moment of great financial uncertainty for state and local governments alike.

We look forward to working with you to continue building support for and ultimately passing the Small Business Comeback Act. This legislation provides relief and stability when our economy needs it most, ensures the survival of countless American businesses that make up our economy, and helps us avoid the long-term economic damage and permanent job losses that would come with their demise.

Sincerely,

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