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COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 4, 2021

To the honorable members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation,

I, along with 11 bipartisan and nonpartisan mayors and township supervisors from Northwest suburban Cook County in the 15th District of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, write to express the urgent need for Congress to immediately provide assistance to small businesses and local governments. We know firsthand that governments and businesses across Northwest suburban Cook County are struggling. We cannot wait any longer. We need relief, and we call on you to act now.

A new COVID-19 relief package, including significant funding for local governments and small businesses, is long overdue. For months, small business owners have wondered how they will pay their bills, stay current on rent payments, and provide living wages for their employees. Additionally, lower tax revenues and the vaccine rollout continue to put a strain on local governments.

Our message is clear: Local governments do not have the resources necessary to offer critical assistance to their constituents, given the crushing effects of the coronavirus pandemic. We need more vaccines, and we need swift economic help. This relief is common sense, and we urge Congress to lift the heavy burden bearing down on local governments and accelerate the distribution of vaccines. We strongly believe local governments are best suited to effectively administer the vaccine and keep their communities afloat.

But we cannot do this alone. That is why we ask you to act now to deliver basic, necessary aid to the people who make our shared communities and economy work. And make no mistake: This support is only a portion of the action required to get our communities back on track.

We stand ready to help however we can. We thank you for your service during this critical time. We know you work tirelessly for your constituents. For that, we are grateful.

Sincerely,

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