

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 11, 2020

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20220

The Honorable Charles P. Rettig  
Internal Revenue Service  
1111 Constitution Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20220

Secretary Mnuchin and Commissioner Rettig:

Thank you for your continued work in helping Iowans, and all Americans, work to recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). We have only just begun to invest into our communities, and I know we have a long road to recovery ahead. I am writing to request a funding summary from your agency that details what has been allotted to help Iowans recover from COVID-19.

As you are aware, Congress passed and the President signed into law four supplemental funding bills that will provide direct assistance to our citizens, businesses, community, health systems, and more. Much of the funding authorized by Congress was given broad discretion by each Secretary to distribute rather than traditionally funding plans which provide line by line requests for how much funding should be allocated.

I firmly believe that in order to be good stewards of taxpayer funding, we must have transparency and accountability when it comes to where tax dollars are being spent. I have heard from many constituents who have not yet received assistance which was provided under these bills. While I appreciate the speed with which the Internal Revenue Service began getting rebates out to Iowans, there have been numerous questions that have arisen. As I brought up in my letter on April 27, the lack of a phone line has created significant difficulty for my constituents in getting information about when they may receive assistance.

It was our Congressional intent that every dollar is used to support and benefit those who are suffering the effects on COVID-19. That is why it is so important to ensure a transparent process that allows Americans to see where these funds are being used and spent.

I look forward to working with you and your agency to ensure Iowa communities, businesses, and families have the resources they need to stay healthy, safe, and stay afloat. That is why I am seeking answers to the following questions:

- 1) Please provide for me 1) the total number and dollar amount of Economic Impact Payments sent to Iowans, in addition to any other assistance provided by the four COVID-19 related bills which has been distributed to Iowans by the IRS.
- 2) Please include a) which programs are available under your agency for individuals or businesses to use for COVID-19 assistance, b) where are the website links and relevant application information, c) who is the Agency Point of Contact (POC) to submit a question or request to, and d) who is the correct POC that my office should speak with to ensure funding is allocated to those most in need?

- 3) Please outline each program, grant, loan, or other funding measure that has been provided to Iowa and a summary of what each program, grant, loan, or other funding measure is for.
- 4) While I understand you may be unable to share information regarding individual taxpayers and the assistance they received, please share as much detailed information about the categories of taxpayers who have received coronavirus assistance (and those who may still be waiting) as possible.
- 5) Please also provide the number of pending Economic Impact Payments expected to be sent to Iowans. If there are additional pending decisions which would provide funding to Iowa, please provide this information as well as expected dates of those decisions or disbursements of funds.
- 6) If there have been denials of assistance, please provide me with information on the reasons for those denials and the frequency of these denials.

Given the nature of this request, please respond back to my office upon receipt of this request with the expected timeline of your full response. You may contact Will Binger in my office at [Will.Binger@mail.house.gov](mailto:Will.Binger@mail.house.gov) or (202) 225-5476.

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Sincerely,



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The Honorable Jovita Carranza  
Small Business Administration  
409 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW  
Washington, D.C., 20416

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C., 20220

Dear Administrator Carranza,

Thank you for your continued work to help Iowans, and all Americans, begin to recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). We have only just begun to invest into our communities, and I know we have a long road to recovery ahead. I am writing to request a detailed funding summary from your agency of what has been allotted to help Iowans recover from COVID-19.

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I firmly believe that in order to be good stewards of taxpayer funding, we must have transparency and accountability when it comes to where tax dollars are being spent. I have heard from many small businesses who have not yet received assistance which was provided under these bills. While information regarding the Paycheck Protection Program has been available, and we appreciate that more than \$500 billion of loans have been approved, the performance for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) has been far worse. Less than 15% of small businesses I heard from had received any aid via EIDL, and only a third of those who hadn't received aid had received any response.

It was our Congressional intent that every dollar is used to support and benefit those who are suffering the effects on COVID-19. That is why it is so important to ensure a transparent process that allows Americans to see where these funds are being used and spent.

I look forward to working with you and your agency to ensure Iowa communities, businesses, and families have the resources they need to stay healthy, safe, and stay afloat. That is why I am seeking answers to the following questions:

- 1) Please provide for me 1) the total funding amount provided in Iowa, 2) a summary of that funding broken down by grant program, loan program, direct support, or other funding measure, and 3) a summary of where in Iowa that money was spent or given, wherever that information is available.
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5) If there are pending applications, please provide this information as well as expected dates of those decisions. Due to the volume of applications we know SBA is dealing with, please focus this information on those which have been pending for more than 5 days. As I mentioned earlier, my constituents have been waiting on EIDL approvals for weeks, if not months, and we would appreciate information on when they can expect more information.

6) If there have been denials for funding, please provide me with information on the reasons for those denials and the frequency of these denials.

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Mr. Alex Azar  
Secretary  
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Department of Health and Human Services  
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Washington, D.C. 20201

Secretary Azar:

Thank you for your continued work in helping Iowans, and all Americans, work to recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). We have only just begun to invest into our communities, and I know we have a long road to recovery ahead. I am writing to request a funding summary from your agency that details what has been allotted to help Iowans recover from COVID-19

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I firmly believe that in order to be good stewards of taxpayer funding, we must have transparency and accountability when it comes to where tax dollars are being spent. I have heard from hospitals, health clinics, and health care providers who have not yet received direct funding from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as authorized by Congress. The last update provided to my office from HHS showed that over \$100 billion dollars from your department was still waiting to be sent to hospitals and health care providers.

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The Honorable Chad F. Wolf  
Acting Secretary of Homeland Security  
Attn: Congressional Relations  
500 C Street, SW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20472

Acting Secretary Wolf:

Thank you for your continued work in helping Iowans, and all Americans, work to recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). We have only just begun to invest into our communities, and I know we have a long road to recovery ahead. I am writing to request a funding summary from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that details what has been allotted to help Iowans recover from COVID-19

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I firmly believe that in order to be good stewards of taxpayer funding, we must have transparency and accountability when it comes to where tax dollars are being spent. I have heard concerns from some of my constituents about challenges applying for FEMA grants and issues with receiving funding. It was our Congressional intent that every dollar is used to support and benefit those who are suffering the effects on COVID-19. That is why it is so important to ensure a transparent process that allows Americans to see where these funds are being used and spent.

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Secretary Elaine Chao  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Attn: Congressional Relations  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Secretary Chao:

Thank you for your continued work in helping Iowans, and all Americans, work to recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). We have only just begun to invest into our communities, and I know we have a long road to recovery ahead. I am writing to request a funding summary from the Department of Transportation that details what has been allotted to help Iowans recover from COVID-19

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Ms. Joyce Flynn  
Director  
Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
7900 Hickman Rd #500  
Windsor Heights, IA 50324

Dear Director Flynn:

Thank you for your continued work in helping Iowans to recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). We have only just begun to invest into our communities, and I know we have a long road to recovery ahead. I am writing to request a funding summary from the Iowa Department of Management that details what has been allotted to help Iowans recover from COVID-19.

As you are aware, Congress passed and the President signed into law four supplemental funding bills that will provide direct assistance to our citizens, businesses, community, health systems, and more. Much of the funding authorized by Congress was given directly to each State to distribute, including direct funding of \$1.25 billion for Iowa provided under the CARES Act passed by Congress and signed by the President. I have received updates from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in regards to millions of dollars that have been spent in Iowa so far.

I firmly believe that in order to be good stewards of taxpayer funding, we must have transparency and accountability when it comes to where tax dollars are being spent. I know that you and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management are working closely with federal agencies to distribute funding as quickly as possible. It was Congressional intent that every dollar is used to support and benefit those who are suffering the effects on COVID-19. That is why it is so important to ensure a transparent process that allows Iowans to see where these funds are being used within their communities.

I look forward to working with you and your agency to ensure Iowa communities, businesses, and families have the resources they need to stay healthy, safe, and stay afloat. That is why I am seeking answers to the following questions:

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Iowa Department of Management  
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Des Moines, IA 50319

Director Roederer:

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I firmly believe that in order to be good stewards of taxpayer funding, we must have transparency and accountability when it comes to where tax dollars are being spent. As the Department of Management prepares and executes our state budget, as required under law, as well as determines revenues estimates for the State, your Department has the unique ability to provide information about where and how COVID-19 recovery money is being spent in Iowa. It was our Congressional intent that every dollar is used to support and benefit those who are suffering the effects on COVID-19. That is why it is so important to ensure a transparent process that allows Iowans to see where these funds are being used within their communities.

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Iowa Department of Human Services  
1305 E Walnut St  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Director Garcia:

Thank you for your continued work in helping Iowans recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). We have only just begun to invest into our communities, and I know we have a long road to recovery ahead. I am writing to request a funding summary from the Iowa Department of Human Services that details what has been allotted to help Iowans recover from COVID-19

As you are aware, Congress passed and the President signed into law four supplemental funding bills that will provide direct assistance to our citizens, businesses, community, health systems, and more. Much of the funding authorized by Congress was given directly to each state to distribute, including direct funding of \$1.25 billion for Iowa provided under the CARES Act passed by Congress and signed by the President on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

I firmly believe that in order to be good stewards of taxpayer funding, we must have transparency and accountability when it comes to where tax dollars are being spent. I have heard from hospitals, health clinics, and health care providers who are in dire need of funding, otherwise they risk cutting services, furloughing staff, or closing their doors. It was Congressional intent that every dollar is used to support and benefit those who are suffering the effects on COVID-19. That is why it is so important to ensure a transparent process that allows Americans to see where these funds are being used and spent.

I look forward to working with you and your agency to ensure Iowa communities, businesses, and families have the resources they need to stay healthy, safe, and stay afloat. That is why I am seeking answers to the following questions:

- 1) Please provide for me 1) a total funding amount spent in Iowa, 2) a summary of that funding broken down by grant program, loan program, direct support, or other funding measure, and 3) a summary of where in Iowa that money was spent or given, wherever possible to record that information.
- 2) Please include a) which programs are available under your agency for individuals to use for COVID-19 assistance, b) where are the website links and relevant application information, c) who is the Agency Point of Contact (POC) to submit a question or request to, and d) who is the correct POC that my office should speak with to ensure funding is allocated to those most in need?

3) Please outline each program, grant, loan, or other funding measure that has been provided to Iowa and a summary of what each program, grant, loan, or other funding measure is for.

4) Please provide as much information as possible about which businesses, communities, counties, and state agencies have received funding. This information should include locations, points of contact, what type of funding (e.g.: grants, loans), and total dollar amounts.

a. There may be circumstances where personal information cannot be released. In those cases, please provide information that does not include personal details and instead provide me with the program information and total dollar amount.

5) If there are pending applications, please provide this information as well as expected dates of those decisions.

6) If there have been denials for funding, please provide me with information on why those requests were denied.

Given the nature of this request, please respond back to my office upon receipt of this request with the expected timeline of your full response. You may contact Denise Fleming in my office at [Denise.Fleming@mail.house.gov](mailto:Denise.Fleming@mail.house.gov) or (202) 225-5476.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Iowans and helping our communities respond to COVID-19.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress