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June 19, 2020

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

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

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

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

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Senator Schumer and Representative McCarthy:

We respectfully request that you extend the expiration date of the additional \$600 per week allocated to individuals receiving unemployment insurance to January 31, 2021. This extra \$600 per week in addition to regular unemployment benefits is desperately needed given the recession our country is facing due to COVID-19.

COVID-19 has crippled our economy, leaving approximately 40 million Americans without a job and severely strapped for cash. People will continue to experience financial hardships long after the pandemic is over, and regular unemployment benefits will likely be insufficient to cover all mandatory costs of living such as rent, utilities, childcare and groceries. Given the quickly approaching expiration on California's moratorium on evictions, many renters will soon be obligated to pay back rent in addition to their current monthly rent. This, coupled with the costs associated with re-opening our country's economy, such as personal protective equipment for those re-opening their businesses and childcare for workforce members returning to their jobs, leaves all Americans in an extremely difficult financial bind. Therefore, it is necessary to extend this program to provide Americans on unemployment insurance an additional \$600 per week to assist them through this crisis. We simply cannot afford to let people lose their homes and their jobs and further contribute to the United States' worsening homelessness crisis and recession in the middle of a pandemic.

For any questions, please contact Assembly Member Santiago's office at (916) 319-2053.

Sincerely,

Assembly Member Miguel Santiago, 53rd District

Assembly Member Bill Quirk, 20th District

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