

## Concerns with Pelosi's Partisan Wish List

### H.R. 6800 - The Fifth Coronavirus Relief Bill

In the wake of the unprecedented **coronavirus pandemic**, the Trump Administration and Congress acted swiftly and in a bipartisan way to provide the resources necessary to combat the virus and its negative effects. Small businesses, hospitals, healthcare providers, and state and local governments have been supported through the four coronavirus relief bills signed into law over the past two months. **Roughly \$3 trillion in funding and tax relief has been provided in these four bills, giving the Federal Reserve System and the U.S. government the ability to leverage more financial support for American families.**

Unfortunately, Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats are rushing to the floor a fifth coronavirus bill before giving the previous bills time to work for the American people. **H.R. 6800 is a more than \$3 trillion liberal wish list that has no chance of being signed into law.** The discretionary appropriations provided in Division A alone total more than \$1.5 trillion - more than is typically appropriated for an entire fiscal year. The major concerns in Division A are listed below.

#### BAILOUTS WITHOUT REFORMS AND SAFEGUARDS

- **\$25 billion** to bail out the U.S. Postal Service without requiring reforms to operations.
- **Another \$1 trillion** in new funding for state and local governments, on top of the \$1 trillion that has already been provided. Concerns include:
  - No safeguards against funds going to state and local governments that were mismanaged before this crisis, including sanctuary cities and jurisdictions with failed pension funds.
  - The funding formula could disadvantage rural areas compared to urban areas.
  - The District of Columbia would receive funds as a state, city, and county.
  - The bill designates a portion of these funds to be allocated next year. We have an annual budget process, and we should not provide funds for unknown needs.

#### ADDITIONAL MANDATES AND MORE DUPLICATIVE LAYERS OF OVERSIGHT

- **\$3.6 billion** for election assistance grants to administer the new federal mandates imposed on states (included in Division P of the bill).
- The Pandemic Recovery Accountability Committee's jurisdiction is expanded to cover any coronavirus-related spending in any act. There are already multiple oversight mechanisms in place, including agency inspectors general, the Government Accountability Office, and congressional committees.

#### NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS THAT DISCOURAGE COMMUNITIES FROM RE-OPENING AND PEOPLE RETURNING TO WORK

- **\$175 billion** to pay rent, mortgages, and property taxes.
- **More than \$5 billion** to pay water and internet bills.