

DEMOCRATS ARE BLOCKING EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

BACKGROUND:

The CARES Act passed the Senate unanimously and passed the House by a Voice Vote.

One of the most popular elements of the new law is the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which provides forgivable loans to small businesses so they can keep their employees on payroll during this unprecedented global economic crisis. The Program was crafted in a bicameral and bipartisan manner.

The Small Business Administration and Treasury Department began processing loans for this program last Friday and have processed more than \$98 billion of the \$349 billion appropriated in the CARES Act.

Already, there are examples across the country of this program working and protecting Americans' livelihoods:

- [Bitty & Beau's Coffee Owner: Paycheck Protection Program Has Allowed Us To Save Employees' Jobs](#)
- [PPP Already Saving 15K Jobs In Amarillo, TX, "Helping Our Friends & Neighbors"](#)
- [Program Is "Safety Net" For Restaurant in New York And Will Help Them "Pay Rent"](#)

More Money For The Paycheck Protection Program Is Needed Immediately

THE TAKEAWAY: Instead Of Providing More Funding For This Program, Speaker Pelosi Is Holding Workers And Small Businesses Hostage To Get More Funding For Things That Can Be Passed In The Coming Days And Weeks.

This morning, Senate Democrats blocked a UC request from Leader McConnell to provide \$250B in more resources for this program so that small businesses and workers have access to aid that they need.

This comes after a report this morning that showed that 6 million more Americans filed unemployment claims last week, meaning that **nearly 17 million Americans** have filed unemployment claims in the last three weeks.

These Americans Should Not Be Subject To Speaker Pelosi's Partisan Games

Workers & Small Businesses Should Not Be Held Hostage To Democrats' Whims

[Leader McConnell urged](#) Senate Democrats on the floor this morning before they blocked more funding for PPP: **"Do Not Block Emergency Aid You Do Not Oppose, Just Because You Want Something More."**

BOTTOM LINE:

This is not the time for games. More funding for other things may be necessary. But small businesses and workers need more aid **immediately**. It's despicable for Speaker Pelosi and her party to play politics with the relief that the American people need now.