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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, and Leader McCarthy,

As you consider supplemental appropriations packages to address the impact of COVID-19, we ask that you include direct assistance to states in the form of block grants.

We are working to lessen the impact of COVID-19 in our states, but we need direct assistance from Congress. Injecting states with resources would give governors the ability to respond to the unique needs of each state with the speed and flexibility that is required to respond to this monumental challenge.

COVID-19 has put an unprecedented burden on state governments. States are spending heavily on the response to the virus at a time when many are at the end of their budget year and revenues are down because of the limited economic activity. A block grant to each state would provide the certainty we need to continue providing critical services at a high level when they are needed more than ever.

Governors have been on the front lines of this fight since the beginning, and states have taken the brunt of the impact. We urge you to give us the necessary resources to combat this complex issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Governor Brian Kemp
State of Georgia

Governor Kay Ivey
State of Alabama

Governor Mike Dunleavy
State of Alaska
Governor Doug Ducey  
State of Arizona  

Governor Asa Hutchinson  
State of Arkansas  

Governor Brad Little  
State of Idaho  

Governor Eric Holcomb  
State of Indiana  

Governor Kim Reynolds  
State of Iowa  

Governor Charlie Baker  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  

Governor Mike Parson  
State of Missouri  

Governor Pete Ricketts  
State of Nebraska  

Governor Chris Sununu  
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Governor Doug Burgum  
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Governor Mike DeWine  
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Governor Gary Herbert  
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Governor Mark Gordon  
State of Wyoming