May 6, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell    The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader                 Minority Leader
U.S. Senate                    U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510        Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi    The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker                       Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515       Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Thank you for your efforts to ease some of the financial burden that charitable nonprofits are bearing at this difficult time. We represent nonprofit providers of services for people with disabilities. The current guidance for reopening the economy recommends that vulnerable populations continue to shelter in place until the third phase of reopening occurs. This is not an objection to recognizing the additional time people at greater risk may need to stay home, but it does raise a financial concern that you could easily rectify.

Many nonprofit providers self-insure their unemployment obligations, which you addressed in part in Section 2013 of the CARES Act. We appreciate that effort. Unfortunately, it does not go far enough. Were nonprofit providers for people with disabilities asked to reimburse unemployment for the length of this national emergency, particularly through the third phase of reopening, it could easily bankrupt many. We respectfully ask that Congress amend the CARES
Act through the next stimulus bill by modifying Section 2103 to cover 100% of unemployment obligations for self-insured nonprofits.

Thank you for your consideration. We are available to talk with you about this request. Please feel free to reach out to anyone of us.

Sincerely yours,

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