

December 15, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
The U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Democratic Leader  
The U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
The U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
House Republican Leader  
The U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Support for 501(c)(6) Associations During Coronavirus Pandemic**

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

On behalf of the XX undersigned physician, dental and healthcare organizations, we write to strongly urge you to include Section 501(c)(6) nonprofit associations in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) as you consider legislation to provide relief due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). We thank you for your continued commitment to helping our members, their practices, their employees, and the patients they serve.

At a time when healthcare professionals across America are caring for patients on the frontlines of this PHE, national, state, and local medical and dental organizations are supporting and providing educational resources so that the healthcare community has the tools needed to administer the highest quality care during this unprecedented time, and for the future. **Furthermore, placing a limit on the number of employees or the lobbying activities of those 501(c)(6) organizations that may seek relief via the PPP would arbitrarily eliminate many of us and our state and local associations and societies.**

Like other small businesses and 501(c)(3) non-profit associations, 501(c)(6) medical and dental organizations have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of our organizations are facing unprecedented financial losses from past and future event cancellations. Further losses are anticipated in dues and product revenues, as our members address their own economically precarious circumstances by cutting expenses, including association memberships. Without access to federal assistance such as the PPP, many 501(c)(6) organizations have already been forced to lay off employees and/or scale back on the important professional and education services that members depend on these organizations to provide.

As you complete your work on the next phase of COVID-19 legislation, we urgently request critically needed support for the 501(c)(6) medical and dental community by allowing the same access to the Paycheck Protection Program that has been afforded to other non-profit associations. In addition, we ask that you oppose the inclusion of any new limits on the number of employees or restrictions on lobbying activities, so that these associations can continue to serve as a trusted resource for healthcare professionals, patients and policymakers alike during this pandemic and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued efforts to provide relief to our members.

Sincerely,

Academy of General Dentistry  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Periodontology  
American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Association of Endodontists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
American Association of Orthodontists  
American Association of Women Dentists  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Prosthodontists  
American College of Rheumatology  
American Dental Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists  
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
American Student Dental Association  
American Urological Association  
College of American Pathologists  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
National Association of Spine Specialists  
National Dental Association  
Renal Physicians Association  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Thoracic Surgeons