



April 8, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC

Dear Lawmakers:

The National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association (NLBMDA) represents over 6,000 building material retail locations nationwide who operate single and multiple lumber yards and component plants serving homebuilders, subcontractors, general contractors, and consumers in the new construction, repair and remodeling of residential and light commercial structures. The majority of NLBMDA members are small, family-owned lumber and building material (LBM) operations, in many instances providing lumber products and building material in the same communities for generations.

I am writing today on behalf of NLBMDA to respectfully urge Congress to immediately pass legislation to provide additional funding for the small business loan programs created by Congress in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Specifically, we believe Congress should include increased funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program.

In light of recent reports indicating that the PPP and EIDL programs could run out of funding soon, it is critical for Congress to pass emergency funding for these programs in order to ensure small businesses have access to the resources promised to them when Congress passed the CARES Act.

The lumber and building material (LBM) dealer industry is vital to the U.S. economy and is critical during this time of economic uncertainty. We hope Congress will act soon in support of our members and all the small businesses struggling in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this issue. Please contact Kevin McKenney at kevin@delaeer.org or 202-367-2480 with any questions.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Paine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Jonathan M. Paine, CAE

President & CEO

cc:

Building Material Suppliers Association

Construction Suppliers Association

Florida Building Material Association

Kentucky Building Materials Association

Lumbermen's Association of Texas

Midwest Building Suppliers Association

Mid-America Lumbermens Association

Mountain States Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association

Northeastern Retail Lumber Association

Northwestern Lumber Association

Western Building Material Association

West Coast Lumber & Building Material Association