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UNITED STATES SENATE

Dear Mr. Durst:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the COVID-19 congressional stimulus packages. The Senate has passed legislation to help the American people. On March 5, 2020, my colleagues and I voted to approve \$8 billion in funding for coronavirus and assist those on the frontlines of this fight. Additionally, on March 18, 2020 the Senate passed the First Coronavirus Response Act. This bill provides free testing for COVID-19 to a variety of patients, employees for workers, and assistance for small business through the Department of Treasury.

Finally, on March 25, 2020 the Senate passed the CARES Act which provides \$2.2 trillion in overall funding to help Americans and stabilize the economy. The CARES Act includes Small Business Administration loans to help companies make payroll. The bill also includes direct payments to American citizens to make sure they can keep their fridges stocked. These direct payments will be made to all Americans including Social Security recipients to receive funds to ensure they will be able to cover costs associated with COVID-19. Most importantly, the bill provides funding to help healthcare workers to insure they have all the tools needed to fight and defeat this virus.

We will continue to fight a two-front war, trying to destroy the COVID-19 virus and keep the economy afloat by ensuring we beat this virus and ultimately have a vaccine. We are all in this fight together.

As your United States Senator, my primary job is to understand and represent the interests of all South Carolinians. Hearing from you about the issues confronting our nation is not only essential to representative democracy, but allows me to better represent South Carolina. We will not see eye-to-eye on every issue; however, I promise to always give your concerns the consideration they deserve.

I encourage you to visit my website — <http://lgraham.senate.gov> — as it will have information on the most recent activities of the Senate. You can also sign up for our e-mail newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube pages which will provide the latest updates on the major issues facing our state and our nation.

Thank you again for contacting me. I truly appreciate the opportunity to hear from you and am honored to have the opportunity to represent your interests in the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ling".

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator