

U.S. Rep. Moore: Statement on House passage of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

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In response to the House's passage of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, Congresswoman Moore released the following statement:

"It is the honor of a lifetime to serve Wisconsin's Fourth District.

I have heard from many of my constituents, many are seeking answers, many are worried, and many face daunting uncertainty about their businesses, their jobs and their health. I understand the gravity of carrying your concerns to Congress during these difficult times and cherish the honor to serve every one of you.

I am working hard to ensure that state and local officials have resources to fight COVID-19, hospitals have the testing supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE), small businesses have support, families can afford to safely stay home, and the most vulnerable don't fall through the cracks.

That's why even though I have concerns that the legislation passed today does not go far enough, I support the bill. It is of immediate necessity that the House replenish a fund for small businesses and to boost our health and public health systems, given that this is a public health emergency our nation is undergoing.

Again, while I support this legislation, I know we must do more. Future COVID-19 bills must be comprehensive and responsive to the ongoing social needs to beat this unfolding crisis.

At the recommendation of my doctor, I was not able to travel to Washington to participate in this vote; however, I have been actively working to push for the priorities that hear from constituents every day. I will continue to fight for the Fourth District and the people who call it home and make it a community.

Those priorities include helping the unemployed, given an additional 4.4 million Americans filed for unemployment last week, bringing the total to nearly 25 million in the last few weeks. At the same time, state unemployment offices have been overwhelmed and very few Americans are getting the additional benefits that Congress has already provided to get help them through this time. We must help fix this mess to ensure fewer Americans are left behind while our economy falters.

I support providing more cash-relief, so Americans can have more resources to weather this economic storm.

I am fighting for removing barriers to participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which both need additional funding to support anticipated demand and more flexibility to reach those who have been shut out because of harsh requirements.

I support an additional open enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) because this public health crisis is a stark reminder that affordable health care still isn't accessible to millions of Americans.

I am working diligently to secure these priorities, among others, in the next major COVID-19 package because during this crisis, many are struggling to meet their basic needs.

Our country and the Fourth District will get through this, and I will be there through this crisis and as we recover.”