

U.S. Sen. Baldwin: Supports bipartisan legislation to help small businesses in Wisconsin

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) joined a growing list of her Senate colleagues in supporting the bipartisan *Reviving the Economy Sustainably Towards a Recovery in Twenty-twenty (RESTART) Act* to provide a lifeline for the hardest-hit small businesses.

“Wisconsin small businesses and their workers are hurting and need help to survive this economic crisis,” **said Senator Baldwin.** “President Trump let the Paycheck Protection Program expire, leaving many small businesses without a lifeline. We must take action and provide more resources to the hardest-hit small businesses in Wisconsin, so they can keep our economy moving and get through this pandemic.”

Answering the calls of the hardest-hit restaurants, gyms, hotels, retailers, concert venues and other businesses, the *RESTART Act* would give business owners who took out Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans the flexibility they need to utilize the PPP effectively. The *RESTART Act* would also create a loan program to provide funding to jump-start the hardest-hit businesses for the remainder of 2020 and provide loan forgiveness as a backstop against ongoing economic challenges.

The *RESTART Act* was led by Senators Todd Young (R-IN) and Michael Bennet (D-CO). In addition to Baldwin, the legislation is cosponsored by Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Roy Blunt (R-MO), Richard Burr (R-NC), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), John Cornyn (R-TX), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Tom Cotton (R-AR), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Steve Daines (R-MT), Tammy Duckworth

(D-IL), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Cory Gardner (R-CO), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Angus King (I-ME), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Gary Peters (D-MI), Jack Reed (D-RI), Pat Roberts (R-KS), Mitt Romney (R-UT), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Jon Tester (D-MT), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI).

The *RESTART Act* bill text is available [here](#). More information about the bill is available [here](#).

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