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Congress is working on "Phase IV" Coronavirus response legislation. Now is the time to tell our federal lawmakers what our Association needs during these uncertain times.

Below is a list of NECA's legislative "asks" for the Phase IV Relief Bill. Instructions on sending a letter with these requests to your U.S. Representative and Senators follows this list.

Healthcare

- Provide a federal subsidy for COBRA premiums.
- Include "offering health care coverage" to the list of uses for newly available small business loans.
- Expand available tax credits for Paid Sick leave and Emergency Family Medical leave to include the coverage of fringe benefits.

Securing the Industry

- Expand and extend the Paycheck Protection Program.
- Relax furlough laws to allow for the flexibility to decrease hours.
- Establish a federal recovery fund to provide liquidity.
- Create a federally backed pandemic insurance program.
- Work to ensure that contractors are not unfairly held liable for circumstances out of their control related to COVID-19 when all necessary guidance has been followed.
- Explicitly waive Code Section 265 from applying to PPP loan forgiveness to ensure PPP loan recipients are not subject to increased tax liability.

Multiemployer Pensions

- Authorize the creation of the innovative composite plan design.
- Create a special partition structure with increased federal funding to the PBGC to support those plans that have experienced a massive downturn in the current economy
- Implement provisions like those in the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008, and the Pension Relief Act of 2010, which would give plans the ability to freeze their zone status and smooth investment losses.

Infrastructure

- Expand investment for Federal construction agencies.
- Fund the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Programs.
- Support long-term investment in Waterways Infrastructure.
- Build and upgrade Transmission Line Infrastructure.
- Invest in broadband infrastructure to ensure current and increased demand is met.
- Upgrade and modernize Pipeline Infrastructure.
- Provide additional funding for Airport Infrastructure.
- Find a sustainable solution to fix the Highway Trust Fund.

To send a letter to Congress expressing these asks, click the link below:

CLICK HERE

After clicking on the link, enter the required information in the "Legislative Action Center" form and click on the "Send Message" button. Based on your physical address, your message will automatically be sent to your federal Representative and Senators.

If you have any questions, or to notify the Chapter of your participation and claim **one (1) PDJ Political Action Point**, contact Government Affairs Coordinator Aaron Kelley by email (akelley@neca-pdj.org) or phone (267-872-5890).

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