

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 19, 2021

The Honorable Isabella Guzman  
Administrator, Small Business Administration  
409 3rd Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Guzman:

Thank you for your work and that of the entire Small Business Administration (SBA) to ensure the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) emergency relief program is implemented and funding is distributed to eligible recipients as Congress intended. Immediately launching SVOG will be critical to ensuring the health of this important industry.

The Administration's recent announcement that it is "aiming to reopen the portal by the end of next week"<sup>1</sup> is encouraging, and we urge the Administration to make every effort to meet this goal. As you correctly point out, "this funding is urgently needed now."<sup>2</sup> With each passing day, more independent businesses are forced to shutter permanently or file for bankruptcy. Landlords and banks are no longer permitting deferrals and are pressing for immediate payment of past due accounts; businesses are receiving eviction notices; mom-and-pop businesses are being forced to sell. The Administration's announcement is critical to these businesses as they work to meet existing debt obligations during these unprecedented times.

We also respectfully request you continue outreach to potential applicants and finalize guidance that will inform applicants of the precise requirements for eligibility and grant amount. We continue to urge SBA to implement a technical corrections process so reviewers may seek additional information if a submission is rejected due to an obvious technical error. This is consistent with the review opportunity provided under other federal grant programs and would ensure that eligible applicants are not excluded due to an inadvertent failure to comply with a technical requirement of the application process.

The Save Our Stages Act, now the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program, was created to prevent widespread closures of shuttered venues. As supporters of the SVOG program, we look forward to the start of the program this week and stand ready to work with you to ensure proper and timely aid to applicants within each priority period.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://twitter.com/SBAgov/status/1383180279972499463>

<sup>2</sup> <https://twitter.com/SBAgov/status/1383180321177358336>

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Katherine M. Clark  
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## Members of Congress, alphabetized by State

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| Mark Kelly               | D | AZ       |
| Kyrsten Sinema           | D | AZ       |
| Tom O'Halleran           | D | AZ-1     |
| Raul Grijalva            | D | AZ-3     |
| Greg Stanton             | D | AZ-9     |
| Dianne Feinstein         | D | CA       |
| Alex Padilla             | D | CA       |
| Salud Carbajal           | D | CA-24    |
| Judy Chu                 | D | CA-27    |
| Adam Schiff              | D | CA-28    |
| Ted Lieu                 | D | CA-33    |
| Raul Ruiz                | D | CA-36    |
| Linda Sanchez            | D | CA-38    |
| Alan Lowenthal           | D | CA-47    |
| Mike Levin               | D | CA-49    |
| Scott Peters             | D | CA-52    |
| Jerry McNerney           | D | CA-9     |
| Joe Neguse               | D | CO-2     |
| Jason Crow               | D | CO-6     |
| Richard Blumenthal       | D | CT       |
| Jim Himes                | D | CT-4     |
| Eleanor Holmes Norton    | D | DC       |
| Thomas Carper            | D | DE       |
| Chris Coons              | D | DE       |
| Lisa Blunt Rochester     | D | DE-At Lg |
| Marco Rubio              | R | FL       |
| Kathy Castor             | D | FL-14    |
| Ted Deutch               | D | FL-22    |
| Debbie Wasserman Schultz | D | FL-23    |
| Raphael Warnock          | D | GA       |
| Ed Case                  | D | HI-1     |
| Joni Ernst               | R | IA       |
| Chuck Grassley           | R | IA       |
| Ashley Hinson            | R | IA-1     |
| Mariannette Miller-Meeks | R | IA-2     |
| Cynthia Axne             | D | IA-3     |
| Randy Feenstra           | R | IA-4     |
| Mike Crapo               | R | ID       |
| Jim Risch                | R | ID       |
| Tammy Duckworth          | D | IL       |
| Dick Durbin              | D | IL       |
| Bobby Rush               | D | IL-1     |
| Bill Foster              | D | IL-11    |
| Mike Bost                | R | IL-12    |
| Cheri Bustos             | D | IL-17    |
| Robin Kelly              | D | IL-2     |
| Marie Newman             | D | IL-3     |
| Mike Quigley             | D | IL-5     |
| Sean Casten              | D | IL-6     |

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| Danny Davis         | D | IL-7  |
| Jan Schakowsky      | D | IL-9  |
| Andre Carson        | D | IN-7  |
| Larry Bucshon       | R | IN-8  |
| Roger Marshall      | R | KS    |
| Ron Estes           | R | KS-4  |
| John Yarmuth        | D | KY-3  |
| Bill Cassidy        | R | LA    |
| Elizabeth Warren    | D | MA    |
| James McGovern      | D | MA-2  |
| Lori Trahan         | D | MA-3  |
| Katherine Clark     | D | MA-5  |
| Stephen Lynch       | D | MA-8  |
| Chris Van Hollen    | D | MD    |
| Dutch Ruppersberger | D | MD-2  |
| John Sarbanes       | D | MD-3  |
| Jamie Raskin        | D | MD-8  |
| Susan Collins       | R | ME    |
| Angus King          | I | ME    |
| Chellie Pingree     | D | ME-1  |
| Gary Peters         | D | MI    |
| Debbie Stabenow     | D | MI    |
| Haley Stevens       | D | MI-11 |
| Brenda Lawrence     | D | MI-14 |
| Daniel Kildee       | D | MI-5  |
| Fred Upton          | R | MI-6  |
| Tim Walberg         | R | MI-7  |
| Andy Levin          | D | MI-9  |
| Amy Klobuchar       | D | MN    |
| Tina Smith          | D | MN    |
| Jim Hagedorn        | R | MN-1  |
| Angie Craig         | D | MN-2  |
| Dean Phillips       | D | MN-3  |
| Ilhan Omar          | D | MN-5  |
| Roy Blunt           | R | MO    |
| Emanuel Cleaver     | D | MO-5  |
| Billy Long          | R | MO-7  |
| Steve Daines        | R | MT    |
| Jon Tester          | D | MT    |
| G.K. Butterfield    | D | NC-1  |
| David Price         | D | NC-4  |
| Kevin Cramer        | R | ND    |
| Donald Bacon        | R | NE-2  |
| Maggie Hassan       | D | NH    |
| Chris Pappas        | D | NH-1  |
| Ann Kuster          | D | NH-2  |
| Bob Menendez        | D | NJ    |
| Martin Heinrich     | D | NM    |
| Ben Ray Lujan       | D | NM    |

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| Jacky Rosen            | D | NV    |
| Dina Titus             | D | NV-1  |
| Steven Horsford        | D | NV-4  |
| Kirsten Gillibrand     | D | NY    |
| Chuck Schumer          | D | NY    |
| Jerrold Nadler         | D | NY-10 |
| Sean Patrick Maloney   | D | NY-18 |
| Andrew Garbarino       | R | NY-2  |
| Paul Tonko             | D | NY-20 |
| Thomas Suozzi          | D | NY-3  |
| Kathleen Rice          | D | NY-4  |
| Grace Meng             | D | NY-6  |
| Hakeem Jeffries        | D | NY-8  |
| Sherrod Brown          | D | OH    |
| Rob Portman            | R | OH    |
| Tim Ryan               | D | OH-13 |
| Robert Latta           | R | OH-5  |
| Jeff Merkley           | D | OR    |
| Ron Wyden              | D | OR    |
| Suzanne Bonamici       | D | OR-1  |
| Peter DeFazio          | D | OR-4  |
| Bob Casey              | D | PA    |
| Conor Lamb             | D | PA-17 |
| Dwight Evans           | D | PA-3  |
| Madeleine Dean         | D | PA-4  |
| Chrissy Houlahan       | D | PA-6  |
| Susan Wild             | D | PA-7  |
| Dan Meuser             | R | PA-9  |
| David Cicilline        | D | RI-1  |
| Lindsey Graham         | R | SC    |
| John Thune             | R | SD    |

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| Marsha Blackburn     | R | TN       |
| Bill Hagerty         | R | TN       |
| Jim Cooper           | D | TN-5     |
| Steve Cohen          | D | TN-9     |
| John Cornyn          | R | TX       |
| Randy Weber          | R | TX-14    |
| Vicente Gonzalez     | D | TX-15    |
| Joaquin Castro       | D | TX-20    |
| Beth Van Duyne       | R | TX-24    |
| Roger Williams       | R | TX-25    |
| John Carter          | R | TX-31    |
| Mitt Romney          | R | UT       |
| Chris Stewart        | R | UT-2     |
| Tim Kaine            | D | VA       |
| Mark Warner          | D | VA       |
| Jennifer Wexton      | D | VA-10    |
| Gerald Connolly      | D | VA-11    |
| Donald McEachin      | D | VA-4     |
| Don Beyer            | D | VA-8     |
| Patrick Leahy        | D | VT       |
| Peter Welch          | D | VT-At Lg |
| Maria Cantwell       | D | WA       |
| Patty Murray         | D | WA       |
| Marilyn Strickland   | D | WA-10    |
| Jaie Herrera Beutler | R | WA-3     |
| Pramila Jayapal      | D | WA-7     |
| Mark Pocan           | D | WI-2     |
| Ron Kind             | D | WI-3     |
| Gwen Moore           | D | WI-4     |
| Shelley Moore Capito | R | WV       |
| Joe Manchin          | D | WV       |
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