

March 19, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Leader
United States House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Charles Schumer, Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
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RE: Potential Aid for Non-Profit Medical/Scientific Organizations Impacted by
Coronavirus

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders McConnell, McCarthy and Schumer:

On behalf of the Endocrine Society, which represents about 18,000 members world-wide, I write to thank you for your efforts to address the Coronavirus epidemic and protect the nation's health. As you are now considering federal interventions to support the airline, travel and other industries affected by the Coronavirus, we urge you to consider the essential role of non-profit scientific and medical societies in the transfer of science and the education of health care providers and include these organizations in federal aid packages or supplemental appropriations measures. The Endocrine Society and similar non-profit medical and scientific organizations have been and will be harmed by cancellations of scientific conferences and educational events as result of the crisis, yet it is critical that we continue to operate during this time to support our nation's physicians and researchers.

The Endocrine Society is the world's largest and most established organization of endocrine clinicians and scientists devoted to researching and treating hormones and hormone diseases, including some of the most pressing health problems of our time – diabetes, reproduction, breast and other cancers, endocrine-disrupting chemicals, and rare diseases. Our mission is to accelerate scientific breakthroughs and improve patient health and well-being. Our annual meeting brings together over 10,000 leading medical experts, researchers, and the most respected clinicians in the field to share the latest findings in hormone science that lead to the next breakthroughs in clinical care. The need to restrict travel and large group gatherings required the Endocrine Society to cancel our annual meeting, ENDO 2020, scheduled to take place in San Francisco, California March 27-31.



The Endocrine Society has made it a priority to provide our members, and the greater health care and patient communities, with the resources and advice they require to manage this crisis, including the care of the vulnerable patient populations that our members treat. This includes finding digital options to provide education, open access to relevant journal articles, and online medical and scientific resources. However, meetings are the lifeblood for our association and other medical and scientific societies, and tax credits or other federal assistance are needed to protect our limited revenue streams and ensure 501(c) organizations like ours can continue to fulfill our important mission in public service.

We understand that Congress and the Trump Administration are considering measures for small business that may provide cash flow assistance amid the outbreak and we urge that tax-exempt medical and scientific societies be included in any temporary aid designed to stem the economic fallout resulting from the Coronavirus crisis.

Thank you for your consideration. If we can provide any further information about the work of our organization or our request for assistance to the non-profit medical and scientific society community, please contact our Chief Policy Officer Mila Becker at mbecker@endocrine.org.

Sincerely,

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President Endocrine Society

CC:

The Honorable Richard Neal, Chairman
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The Honorable Kevin Brady, Ranking Member
United States House of Representatives Committee on Ways & Means
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The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman
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The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Nita Lowey, Chairwoman
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