

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 16, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Legislation

Brief Overview

H.R. 6074, Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act

- Provides 8.3 billion in emergency funding
- Congressman Johnson voted YES
- Passed the House March 4th under suspension with a vote of 415-2 (the 2 were Biggs (R-AZ) and Buck (R-CO))
- Passed the Senate March 5th 96-1 (the 1 was Rand Paul (R-KY))

H.R. 6201, Families First Coronavirus Response Act

- Bipartisan agreement between House Democrats and the Trump Administration
- Congressman Johnson voted YES
- Passed the House March 14th 363-40, with one voting Present (All Republicans)
- Moves to the Senate this week

What the Bills Do

What the Coronavirus Supplemental Does:

- Of the \$8.3 billion, \$2.2 billion goes to public health funding for prevention, preparedness and response
 - \$950 million of that 2.2 billion goes to state and local health agencies
- Over \$3 billion to research and development of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics
- Almost \$1 billion for medical supplies, healthcare preparedness and medical surge capacity
- \$1.25 billion to secure Americans' health by addressing the coronavirus overseas
- Over \$300 million to ensure access to affordable vaccine
- And allows an estimated \$7 billion in low-interest loans to small businesses
- Support:
 - American Public Health Association
 - Trust for America's Health
 - American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees

What the Families First Act Does:

- Provides for Free coronavirus testing, no matter their insurance
- Includes more than \$1 billion for food assistance to children, food banks, and the elderly
- Protects Medicaid Benefits by increasing the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage the federal government provides to state and territorial Medicaid programs
- *Enhances* the unemployment aid states can give workers and *establishes* paid leave
- Support:
 - U.S. Chamber of Commerce
 - Bread for the World
 - MAZON
 - International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers
 - NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
 - United Steelworkers
 - Coalition on Human Needs
 - National Education Association

- Opposition is limited to the Federation of Independent Businesses