

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H- 232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

Thank you for your continued efforts to help our communities through the COVID-19 crisis. As you work on future coronavirus response legislation, we ask that you include language to protect funeral homes, their workers, and families of deceased persons.

Unfortunately, over 50,000 Americans have already died from this terrible virus. As a result, funeral homes and other burial providers are being overwhelmed as they help families bury their loved ones. Furthermore, when the person dies, the virus does not. Therefore, funeral home workers must use personal protective equipment to protect themselves and others from accidental transmission of COVID-19 and other illnesses. However, funeral homes and workers are not being treated as frontline workers and many of the efforts to provide PPE to first responders, health providers, and others did not address the needs of this community that experiences direct contact with COVID- 19 victims.

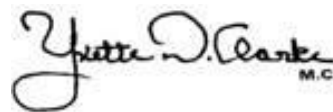
We ask that you help correct this issue by requiring that States receiving relief funding include funeral homes and mortuaries in their efforts to extend PPE to frontline health care workers and first responders. These essential workers and our communities must be protected to prevent unnecessary and further spread of the virus.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to continuing to support your efforts as you help lead our nation out of this crisis.

Sincerely,



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