



CITY OF OCEANSIDE

May 13, 2020

Honorable Mike Levin
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

SUPPORT: H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (HEROES)

Dear Congressman Levin,

On behalf of the City of Oceanside, I'm writing in support of the Heroes Act, the coronavirus legislative package unveiled Tuesday. The Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (HEROES ACT) would provide much-needed funding for local governments like Oceanside with populations under 500,000.

This proposed funding is instrumental in our ability to recover, not only from the financial impact of the pandemic through loss of funding from reduced sales tax and diminished tourism-related revenue, but also from the costs of providing new programs to help the most vulnerable residents. Programs like our emergency-based food distribution program where we've paired local restaurant meals with those in need, have served to support local business as well as the homeless and hungry in our community.

The HEROES Act would also ensure that our Fire, EMT, and Police personnel on the front lines serving the sick during the pandemic receive well-deserved hazard pay.

The HEROES Act would help support Oceanside businesses by strengthening the Payroll Protection Program to ensure it reaches underserved communities and nonprofits through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.

The City of Oceanside has never recovered fully from the Great recession, restoring jobs to pre-recession levels. The COVID-19 crisis sets us and other local governments back even further, which may result in community service cut which will have devastating impacts throughout the Country.

I urge you to vote in support on Friday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Weiss".

Peter Weiss
MAYOR

Cc: Honorable Kamala Harris
Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Oceanside City Council