MEMORANDUM

Date: March 16, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Legislation

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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
  o $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:
  o American Public Health Association
  o Trust for America’s Health
  o 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