**Dear Editor:**

As the last days of the year on the congressional calendar tick away, [your destination’s] travel and tourism industry is in desperate need of relief—and we are calling on Congress to act before year’s end.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. has lost [3.5 million](https://www.ustravel.org/press/latest-projection-travel-spending-us-plunge-nearly-half-year) direct travel jobs and [$463 billion](https://www.ustravel.org/toolkit/covid-19-travel-industry-research) due to decreased travel spending. In [your city / state] alone, we have lost [local impact figures].

To ensure these businesses can remain open and keep workers on the payroll, we are asking—at the very least—for Congress to pass a relief package that includes provisions to extend and expand the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to include 501(c)(6) and quasi-governmental destination marketing organizations and allow for a second draw on PPP funds, and to extend the Coronavirus Relief Fund through the end of 2021.

With so much at stake for this community [or state], there is simply not another moment to lose. [Your city / state’s] travel industry businesses and workers are counting on it to survive.

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