



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

March 20, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Chuck E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
United States House of Representatives

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Senator McConnell,

I am writing to you today as Granite Staters continue to face financial hardship due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In New Hampshire, we have done our part and taken immediate action to ensure that our citizens have the financial means necessary to deal with this crisis safely and adequately.

Through our State's Unemployment Insurance program, we have been able to provide Granite Staters with temporary financial relief. However, as this crisis continues to affect all aspects of our economy and our citizens, it also strains our State's Unemployment Trust Fund and with it our ability to assist our citizens in the long-term. Ensuring that we retain such capability while also providing critical relief in this time of need is of vital importance. It is becoming increasingly more apparent that the only way for states, like New Hampshire, to do so is through additional federal support.

Therefore, I urge you to amend 42 U.S. Code § 5177 and any relative federal statutes and rules regarding the Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program, to allow Americans affected by the ongoing COVID-19 crisis to receive assistance under the program. These actions will allow not only Granite Staters, but all Americans feeling the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, to continue to receive the financial assistance they need without doing long-term damage to the solvency of individual State's Unemployment Trust Funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor