



March 26, 2020

Dear Tennessee House Delegation:

On behalf of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry we thank you for your service during this difficult time. As you know, Tennesseans are being forced to make very difficult decisions and we appreciate your commitment to our state, citizens and the business community.

Late Wednesday evening, the Senate passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act which overall provides much needed relief to American workers and businesses during this unprecedented time. We commend Senator Alexander and Senator Blackburn for voting in the affirmative and ask you to do the same when considered in the House of Representatives. We understand and agree the legislation is not everything to everyone, including our member companies, which include a great deal of Tennessee's manufacturing sector. Even so, there is no time to waste on moving forward this package that overall will provide so much good for those in need the most.

In the coming days and weeks Tennessee businesses, and most importantly the men and women that represent them will be asking for help. The types of emergency funding programs in the CARES Act could make the difference between keeping a business operational or being forced to reduce salaries, lay off employees, or lose businesses entirely.

I respectfully ask for your swift action and that you vote in favor of the CARES Act to provide much-needed stability in this uncertain and unprecedented time. If the Tennessee Chamber can provide you with any resources or information, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our staff. We will be ready to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Bradley Jackson".

Bradley Jackson
President & CEO
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