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Mr. Todd Clarke 715 8th St NW Albuquerque, NM 87102-2026

Dear Mr. Clarke:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the economic impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. I appreciate knowing your thoughts and concerns on this important issue.

I have heard from many New Mexicans asking for relief as our state and nation continue to take measures to combat the spread of this disease. Many people have felt the economic toll that comes from these efforts to keep Americans safe, and I believe it is our job in Congress to ensure that no one is forgotten.

On May 15, 2020, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act. It provides \$3 trillion in aid for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impacts. The HEROES Act includes funding for coronavirus testing and containment measures, a second round of stimulus checks for Americans in need, a moratorium on utility shutoffs and evictions, and extended unemployment benefits. Additionally, The HEROES Act contains many other provisions, including but not limited to additional support for front line workers, funding for K-12 and higher education, student loan relief, funding for the United States Postal Service, and increases election security measures for the 2020 election cycle.

It is troubling to me that Congress still has not passed another relief package as previous relief measures begin to expire. I have joined efforts to call on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to bring the HEROES Act to the Senate floor for a vote, so we can immediately provide relief to Americans still facing the effects of this pandemic. This is no time to shortchange the American people. As we await consideration of this legislation, know that I will keep doing everything I can to get New Mexicans the relief they need to get through this crisis.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I hope you will continue keeping me informed of the issues important to you.

For more information and additional details about legislation, please visit my website, Heinrich.Senate.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter (@MartinHeinrich) and join me on Facebook at Facebook.com/MartinHeinrich.

Sincerely,

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