

July 30, 2020

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

The undersigned organizations urge you to support the timely, targeted, and temporary liability relief provisions contained in S. 4317, the “SAFE TO WORK Act.” These crucial protections would safeguard healthcare workers, providers, and facilities, as well as businesses, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions against unfair lawsuits so they can continue to contribute to a safe and effective economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation is critically needed and should be enacted as soon as possible. To that end, we strongly urge you to support the inclusion of these provisions in a Phase IV COVID-19 relief package.

Healthcare workers and facilities continue to work tirelessly to protect us from COVID-19 and provide care and treatment to those who become ill. Likewise, businesses and non-profit organizations of all types and sizes continue to adapt in incredible ways to safely provide their communities with much-needed goods and services, in addition to keeping workers employed and the American economy afloat. But, as those workers and businesses keep our communities safe and provided for, our members and constituencies remain concerned that, despite doing their best to follow applicable government guidelines, they will be forced to defend against an onslaught of frivolous lawsuits. Unfortunately, this concern has already begun to materialize.

COVID-19-related lawsuits and their consequent exorbitant legal costs could deter entities from reopening and could ultimately cripple businesses, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations both large and small. Furthermore, absent the proposed liability protections, many frontline healthcare workers and facilities, as well as manufacturers of critical personal protective equipment, would be punished for their efforts in the form of costly lawsuits.

The temporary and targeted liability relief provisions contained in S. 4317 are balanced and would ensure that unfair lawsuits against those who work to comply with applicable governmental guidelines do not impede the American people’s health, social, and economic recovery. Importantly, the protections contained in this legislation are limited in duration and scope. They are not permanent changes to federal law. Furthermore, they allow states to provide additional protections if they so choose and, critically, preserve reasonable recourse for those harmed by truly bad actors.

In the wake of prior crises, Congress came together to pass needed liability protections with strong bipartisan support because lawmakers understood the acute threat of lawsuits at moments of maximum economic vulnerability. That threat is present again now, perhaps more than ever. As such, now is the time for Congress to take strong action and provide a national baseline of protection during this national pandemic to stop a growing wave of lawsuits from inhibiting our return to a robust economy and healthy citizenry.

Sincerely,

U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform  
 U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
 AdvaMed - Advanced Medical Technology Association  
 Aeronautical Repair Station Association  
 Aerospace Industries Association  
 Agricultural Retailers Association  
 Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)  
 Airlines for America  
 Airports Council International - North America  
 Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Association  
 Alabama Retail Association  
 Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Albany Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce  
 Alliance for Automotive Innovation  
 Alliance of Wisconsin Retailers  
 America's Health Insurance Plans  
 America's SBDC  
 American Academy of PAs  
 American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing (AAPACN)  
 American Bakers Association  
 American Bankers Association  
 American Beverage Licensees (ABL)  
 American Business Conference  
 American Car Rental Association  
 American Chemistry Council  
 American Council for Capital Formation  
 American Council of Engineering Companies  
 American Council of Life Insurers  
 American Dental Association  
 American Farm Bureau Federation  
 American Forest and Paper Association  
 American Foundry Society  
 American Frozen Food Institute  
 American Gaming Association (AGA)  
 American Gas Association  
 American Health Care Association (AHCA) & National Center for Assisted Living (NCAL)  
 American Hotel & Lodging Association  
 American Institute of CPAs  
 American International Automobile Dealers Association  
 American Medical Association  
 American Mold Builders Association  
 American Property Casualty Insurance Association  
 American Rental Association  
 American Resort Development Association  
 American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA)  
 American Staffing Association  
 American Supply Association  
 American Tort Reform Association  
 American Trucking Associations (ATA)  
 American Veterinary Medical Association  
 AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology  
 Angel Fire Chamber of Commerce  
 Argentum  
 Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
 Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association  
 Arizona Retailers Association  
 Arkansas Hospitality Association  
 Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/AIA  
 Asian American Hotel Owners Association  
 Associated Builders and Contractors  
 Associated Builders and Contractors  
 - Greater Tennessee  
 Associated Builders and Contractors  
 - South Texas Chapter  
 Associated Builders and Contractors  
 Central California Chapter  
 Associated Builders and Contractors of New Mexico  
 Associated Builders and Contractors of San Diego  
 Associated Builders and Contractors of Western PA  
 Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin  
 Associated Equipment Distributors  
 Associated General Contractors of America  
 Associated Wire Rope Fabricators  
 Association of Lodging Professionals  
 Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry  
 Association of Washington Business  
 Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Auto Care Association  
 Automotive Recyclers Association  
 Bandon Chamber of Commerce  
 Bartlesville Regional Chamber of Commerce  
 Beer Institute

Bend Chamber of Commerce  
 Billings Chamber of Commerce  
 Biocom – Life Science Association of California  
 Biotechnology Innovation Organization  
 Blue Cross Blue Shield Association  
 Boise Metro Chamber  
 Bossier Chamber of Commerce  
 Bowling Centers Association of Wisconsin (BCAW)  
 Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce & CVB  
 Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce  
 Business Roundtable  
 Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau  
 California Hotel & Lodging Association  
 California Retailers Association  
 CAMBA and CAMBA Housing Ventures  
 Carson City Chamber of Commerce  
 CCIM Institute  
 Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance  
 Central Chamber of Commerce  
 Central Fort Bend Chamber  
 Central LA Regional Chamber of Commerce  
 Chamber of Commerce Hawaii  
 Chamber Of Commerce Of Cape Coral  
 Chamber of Shipping of America  
 Charlotte Regional Business Alliance  
 Chattooga County Chamber of Commerce  
 Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce  
 Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry  
 Civil Justice Association of California  
 Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce  
 Coalition of Franchisee Associations  
 Colorado Chamber of Commerce  
 Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Colorado Retail Council  
 Columbia Chamber of Commerce  
 Commercial Vehicle Solutions Network (CVSN)  
 Committee of 100 for Economic Development  
 Community Associations Institute  
 Connecticut Lodging Association  
 Connecticut Retail Merchants Association  
 Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce  
 Construction Industry Round Table  
 Consumer Bankers Association  
 Consumer Technology Association  
 Convenience Distribution Association  
 Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers  
 Covington County Chamber of Commerce  
 Credit Union National Association  
 CTIA-The Wireless Association  
 Deadwood Gaming Association  
 Delaware Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce  
 Distilled Spirits Council of the United States  
 Edison Electric Institute  
 Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance  
 Equipment Leasing and Finance Association (ELFA)  
 Equipment Marketing & Distribution Association  
 (EMDA)  
 Explore Charleston  
 Exton Region Chamber of Commerce  
 Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Family Business Coalition  
 Federation of American Hospitals  
 Florida Chamber of Commerce  
 Florida Justice Reform Institute  
 Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association  
 Florida Retail Federation  
 FMI - The Food Industry Association  
 Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association  
 Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce  
 Forum for Community Leaders  
 Franchise Business Services  
 Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey  
 Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce  
 Gases and Welding Distributors Association  
 Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
 Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Georgia Retailers  
 Glass Packaging Institute (GPI)  
 Global Business Travel Association  
 Global Cold Chain Alliance  
 GPA Midstream Association  
 Granbury Chamber of Commerce  
 Graphic Arts Association  
 Graphic Media Alliance  
 Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce

Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Grays Harbor, Inc.  
 Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber  
 Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Minden Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, Inc.  
 Greater New Orleans Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Greater New Orleans, Inc.  
 Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Summerville/Dorchester County  
 Chamber of Commerce  
 Greater Topeka Partnership  
 Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC  
 Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce  
 HealthCare Institute of New Jersey (HINJ)  
 Healthcare Leadership Council  
 Heating, Air-conditioning, & Refrigeration  
 Distributors International  
 Hospitality Maine  
 Hospitality Minnesota  
 Hotel Association of New York City  
 Hotel Association of Washington DC  
 Humboldt Chamber of Commerce  
 Idaho Chamber Alliance  
 Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
 Illinois Civil Justice League  
 Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Illinois Retail Merchants Association  
 Independent Bakers Association  
 Independent Electrical Contractors  
 Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America  
 Independent Office Products & Furniture Dealers Alliance  
 Independent Petroleum Association of America  
 Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
 Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association  
 Indianola Chamber of Commerce  
 Industrial Fasteners Institute  
 Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)  
 Institute of Real Estate Management  
 International Association of Amusement Parks  
 and Attractions  
 International Association of Plastics Distribution  
 International Caterers Association  
 International Council of Shopping Centers  
 International Dairy Foods Association  
 International Foodservice Distributors Association  
 International Franchise Association  
 International Housewares Association  
 International Sign Association  
 International Warehouse Logistics Association  
 International Wood Products Association  
 Iowa Gaming Association  
 Iowa Retail Federation  
 Irrigation Association  
 ISSA - The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association  
 Jefferson Chamber of Commerce  
 Job Creators Network  
 Kansas Chamber & Kansas Retail Council  
 Keizer Chamber of Commerce  
 Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
 Kentucky Retail Federation  
 Kentucky Travel Industry Association  
 Klamath County Chamber of Commerce  
 Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce  
 Latino Hotel Association  
 Leading Builders of America  
 LeadingAge  
 LeadingAge Texas  
 League City Regional Chamber of Commerce  
 Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI)  
 Louisiana Casino Association  
 Louisiana Coalition for Common Sense  
 Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch  
 Louisiana Retailers Association  
 Lowcountry Hospitality Association  
 Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
 Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Manufactured Housing Institute  
 Manufacturer & Business Association

Marana Chamber of Commerce  
Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Maryland Chamber of Commerce  
Maryland Hotel & Lodging Association  
Maryland Retailers Association  
Mason City Chamber of Commerce  
Massachusetts Lodging Association  
McAllen Chamber of Commerce  
Medical Device Manufacturers Association (MDMA)  
Metals Service Center Institute  
Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association  
Michigan Retailers Association  
Midwest Food Products Association  
Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce  
Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
Minnesota Retailers Association  
Mississippi Economic Council - the State Chamber  
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Missouri Retailers Association  
Missouri Tire Industry Association  
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Chamber of Commerce  
Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association  
Montana Manufacturing Association  
Montana Retail Association  
Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Motion Picture Association  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce  
Natchez-Adams County Chamber of Commerce  
National Air Carrier Association  
National Apartment Association  
National Association of Broadcasters  
National Association of Chain Drug Stores  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Electrical Distributors  
National Association of Federally-Insured  
Credit Unions  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Mutual Insurance  
Companies (NAMIC)

National Association of Professional Employer  
Organizations  
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®  
National Association of Security Companies  
(NASCO)  
National Association of Theatre Owners  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
National Automobile Dealers Association  
National Business Aviation Association  
National Business Coalition on E-Commerce  
& Privacy  
National Community Pharmacists Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Chain Restaurants  
National Demolition Association  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
National Fastener Distributors Association  
National Franchisee Association  
National Grocers Association  
National Independent Automobile Dealers  
Association (NIADA)  
National Limousine Association  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers  
Association  
National Marine Distributors Association  
National Mining Association  
National Multifamily Housing Council  
National Ocean Industries Association  
National Office Products Alliance  
National Propane Gas Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Restaurant Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National RV Dealers Association (RVDA)  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
National Small Business Association  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
National Waste & Recycling Association  
NC Chamber Legal Institute  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association  
Nebraska Hotel & Lodging Association

Nebraska Retail Federation  
 Nevada Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Nevada Resort Association  
 New Hampshire Retail Association  
 New Jersey Civil Justice Institute  
 New Jersey Hotel & Lodging Association  
 New Jersey Independent Electrical Contractors  
 Association  
 New Jersey Motor Truck Association  
 New Jersey Retail Merchants Association  
 New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce  
 New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry  
 New Mexico Retail Association  
 New Orleans Chamber of Commerce  
 New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association  
 News Media Alliance  
 NFIB  
 NH Grocers Association  
 Norman Chamber of Commerce  
 North American Association of Food Equipment  
 Manufacturers (NAFEM)  
 North American Die Casting Association  
 North American Meat Institute  
 North Carolina Chamber  
 North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association  
 North Carolina Retail Merchants Association  
 North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce  
 North Country Chamber of Commerce  
 North Dallas Chamber of Commerce  
 North Myrtle Beach Chamber/CVB  
 North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce  
 Ocean City Hotel Motel Restaurant Association  
 Office Furniture Dealers Alliance  
 Ohio Chamber of Commerce  
 Ohio Council of Retail Merchants  
 Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Oklahoma Retail Merchants Association  
 Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association  
 Oregon State Chamber of Commerce  
 Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine  
 Service Association  
 Overland Park Chamber of Commerce  
 Pacific Printing Industries Association  
 Paperboard Packaging Council  
 Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce  
 Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers  
 Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
 Pennsylvania Coalition for Civil Justice Reform  
 Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association  
 Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association  
 Pennsylvania Retailers Association  
 Pennsylvania's Americana Region Visitors Bureau  
 Pet Industry Distributors Association  
 Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI)  
 Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America  
 Phoenixville Regional Chamber of Commerce  
 Physician Assistant Education Association  
 PIA MidAmerica  
 PINE (Printing Industries of New England)  
 Plastics Industry Association (PLASTICS)  
 Plumbing Manufacturers International  
 Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors  
 --National Association  
 Portland Cement Association  
 Precision Machined Products Association  
 Precision Metalforming Association  
 Printing & Imaging Association of Georgia  
 Printing Industries Alliance  
 Printing Industries Association, Inc.  
 of Southern California  
 Printing Industry Midwest  
 PRINTING United Alliance  
 Professional Background Screening Association  
 (PBSA)  
 Professional Beauty Association (PBA)  
 Reinsurance Association of America  
 Retail Association of Maine  
 Retail Association of Nevada  
 Retail Council of New York State  
 Retail Merchants of Hawaii  
 Retailers Association of Massachusetts  
 Rhode Island Hospitality Association  
 Round Rock Chamber  
 Rowlett Chamber of Commerce  
 RV Industry Association

S Corporation Association  
 San Antonio Chamber of Commerce  
 SC Trucking Association  
 SC Retail Association  
 Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce  
 Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association  
 Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA)  
 Security Hardware Distributors Association  
 Shelton-Mason County Chamber  
 Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
 Society for Human Resource Management  
 Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS)  
 Society of Industrial and Office REALTORS®  
 South Carolina Chamber of Commerce  
 South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association  
 South Dakota Retailers Association  
 South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce  
 Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce  
 Southern Oregon Solutions  
 Specialty Equipment Market Association  
 Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce  
 St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
 St. Louis Area Hotel Association  
 St. Louis Regional Chamber  
 State Chamber of Oklahoma  
 Stayton Sublimity Chamber of Commerce  
 Tag and Label Manufacturers Institute, Inc. (TLMI)  
 Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce  
 TechNet  
 Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association  
 Texans for Lawsuit Reform  
 Texas Alliance for Patient Access  
 Texas Civil Justice League  
 Texas Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Texas Retailers Association  
 The Aluminum Association  
 The American Waterways Operators  
 The Association for Hose and Accessories Distribution  
 The Chamber Grand Forks / East Grand Forks  
 The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce  
 The Fertilizer Institute  
 The Hardwood Federation  
 The Longview Chamber  
 The Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce  
 The Printing Industry of the Carolinas, Inc.  
 The Real Estate Roundtable  
 The Transportation Alliance  
 The Travel Technology Association  
 Tile Roofing Industry Alliance  
 Truck Renting and Leasing Association  
 Tulsa Regional Chamber  
 Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Umatilla Chamber of Commerce  
 Utah Tourism Industry Association  
 Vail Valley Partnership  
 Vegas Chamber  
 Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
 Victor Chamber of Commerce  
 Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
 Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association  
 Virginia Retail Federation  
 Virginia Retail Merchants Association  
 Washington Hospitality Association  
 Washington Liability Reform Coalition  
 Washington Retail Association  
 West Calcasieu Chamber of Commerce  
 West Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association  
 Western Equipment Dealers Association  
 Western Garfield County Chamber of Commerce  
 Western Growers  
 Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association (WSIA)  
 Wholesale Florist and Florist Supplier Association  
 Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce  
 Window and Door Manufacturers Association  
 Winona Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.  
 Wisconsin Agri-Business Association  
 Wisconsin Civil Justice Council  
 Wisconsin Dairy Alliance  
 Wisconsin Grocers Association  
 Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association  
 Wisconsin Independent Businesses  
 Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce  
 Women's Business Enterprise National Council

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WV Retailers Association

Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association