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The Honorable Marco Rubio  
United States Senate  
284 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: The Florida Chamber Supports the “Keeping Workers Paid and Employed Act of 2020”**

Dear Senator Rubio:

I write to thank you and your staff for the open lines of communication and collaboration seeking the Florida Chamber’s input the past two weeks as you sought to craft monumental legislation to keep businesses in our state and across the country from going under and stem the loss of jobs caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Your proposed \$350 billion loan guaranty and assistance package, the *Keeping Workers Paid and Employed Act of 2020*, is critical to the economic survival of millions of businesses and their employees right now. And we are extremely pleased to learn that it is going to be included in the larger Senate package being worked on this weekend and possibly voted on as soon as tomorrow.

The Florida Chamber of Commerce fully supports your efforts and we stand ready to continue to assist you in every way we can in the weeks and months ahead as we unite to protect our fellow citizens’ health and economic well-being and secure Florida’s future.

And as we discussed recently, in my role this year as Chairman of the National Association of State Chambers Designation it will be my priority and honor to assist you on a national level as well.

Our Board of Directors, our staff and our members across the great state of Florida appreciate your tireless leadership as Chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship right now more than ever. Thank you for fighting for all of us!

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark Wilson  
President & CEO

cc: Charles S. Caulkins, Chairman, Florida Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors  
Glenda Hood, Chair, Florida Chamber Small Business Council  
David A. Hart, Executive Vice President