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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Steve Scalise
Minority Whip
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hoyer, Leader McCarthy, Whip Scalise, Leader McConnell, and Leader Schumer,

I write to you today regarding the need to quickly pass new legislation to address the health and economic emergency that is devastating families across this country. We cannot, in good conscience, go back to our districts for the Holiday recess while millions continue to suffer without help from their government. We must also continue ongoing federal priorities and pass supplemental appropriations funding to prevent another government shutdown.

Many families in my district, and across the country, are facing unparalleled hardship and coronavirus infections have grown at an alarming rate in the country. More than 270,000 people have now lost their lives in the United States, and millions are still out of work because of the coronavirus pandemic. People's lives and livelihoods are at stake – and they are exhausted by political games that get us nowhere. We need bipartisan action now.

We need a comprehensive, substantial response to address this crisis. The basis of any relief package should provide resources for the expansion of widespread and rapid testing, increased access to personal protective equipment for our frontline workers, funding for our hospitals, an extension of current eviction and foreclosure moratoria, help for small businesses, accountability

and transparency measures in the distribution of relief funds, and most importantly, support for state and local governments who are fighting this virus head on.

I came to Washington to help advocate for my constituents and they expect us to be practical, not political. We need leaders in both parties to stay at the negotiating table until we reach a bipartisan deal that provides for the health, safety, and economic security of the people in this country. I was encouraged by the progress made this week of some leadership getting behind a new, bipartisan framework for a deal and urge all leaders to put partisanship aside and come to an agreement quickly.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. People all over the country continue to look to their government for thoughtful and empathetic leadership during this crisis, and I look forward to working with members of both parties to make this happen.

My warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sharice L. Davids', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sharice L. Davids
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