

April 20, 2020

To Payroll Protection Program Lender:

Congress created the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to provide aid to small businesses. The PPP, established by the CARES Act, is implemented by the Small Business Administration with support from the Department of the Treasury. This program authorized nearly \$350 billion to support federally guaranteed loans to help small businesses meet cash flow needs and retain workers.¹

Lenders participating in the SBA's 7(a) program are issuing the loans, along with additional lenders the Treasury Department approves. Last week, the Treasury Department further expanded the program and released a new application for nonbank lenders, including fintech firms. Those firms, in addition to banks and credit unions of all sizes, have reached more than 1.6 million small businesses, nonprofits, veterans organizations, tribal businesses, sole proprietors, and independent contractors in every state and territory—all in about two weeks.²

Data released by SBA show PPP lenders of all sizes are providing a lifeline to workers at small businesses across America. But there are many more who need help. On April 16, 2020, however, the SBA announced it "is currently unable to accept new applications for the Paycheck Protection Program based on available appropriations funding."³ The extraordinary rate of PPP lending reflects the urgency of the federal response to the COVID-19 epidemic and the need to extend the program.

As additional relief programs come online and Congress considers additional funding for the program, it is critical for policymakers to have data that shows the impact of PPP loans and areas of unmet need. To assist Republicans on the Financial Services Committee in that effort, please provide the following information as soon as possible, but no later than April 23, 2020:

1. With respect to the PPP program generally, provide:
 - a. The total number of loan applications received.
 - b. The total number of loans approved.

¹ 13 C.F.R. § 120.

² SBA Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Report, Approvals Through 4/13/20 (Apr. 14, 2020) at 3, <https://content.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/PPP%20Report%20SBA%204.14.20%20-%20Read-Only.pdf> (last accessed Apr. 16, 2020).

³ SBA website, "Notice: Lapse in Appropriations," <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp> (last accessed Apr. 16, 2020).

- c. The total number of applicants who have received funds to date.
 - d. The total amount of PPP funds disbursed to date.
2. With respect to approved PPP loan applicants, provide:
- e. The total number for payroll as identified on the PPP application.
 - f. The total number for lease/mortgage interest as identified on the PPP application.
 - g. The total number for utilities as identified on the PPP application.
 - h. The total number for other purposes (“other”) as identified on the PPP application.
 - i. Average monthly payroll as identified on the PPP application.
 - j. Average number of employees as identified on the PPP application.
 - k. Average time between application date and approval date.
 - l. Average time between approval date and date of disbursement.
 - m. Average loan amount.
3. With respect to the aspects of the PPP involving the SBA, provide:
- n. The average time to close a PPP loan.
 - o. The average time to receive a processing fee from the SBA.

Please include any additional information that may assist the Committee, specifically as it relates to program modifications that may be necessary. Submit your response directly to the Committee by clicking [here](https://go.usa.gov/xv9eZ). The survey is also available at the following URL: <https://go.usa.gov/xv9eZ>. Please contact my staff at (202) 380-8004 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,



Patrick McHenry
Ranking Member