



The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader, U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader, U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

February 5, 2021

Dear Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, and Leader McCarthy:

Thank you for your leadership during this time of unprecedented challenge for our nation. We write to express our deep appreciation for the funding provided to our industries in the Economic Aid Act, and to respectfully ask you to consider additional funding for this program to ensure that all eligible entities can access the program.

We applaud Congress's bipartisan support for including the Save Our Stages Act at \$15 billion in the Economic Aid Act, now known as the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program. This program was thoughtfully written so that entities from the hardest-hit industries would receive this desperately needed relief. With unprecedented demand as the pandemic continues, funding could run out before many eligible entities are able to receive desperately needed emergency assistance, putting at risk small businesses that have been without revenue since March 2020. Additional administrative funding would also give the Small Business Administration the resources required to implement the program rapidly and give our industries the lifeline needed to survive the pandemic.

We therefore respectfully ask Congress to consider additional funding for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program to ensure that the full group of entities can all be assured of receiving relief and that the SBA can successfully implement the program. Providing this funding would ensure that the program can operate in the spirit in which it was enacted, to provide a bridge for the cultural and art businesses and organizations decimated by the pandemic.

Again, we thank you for your continued support and assistance to our industries.

A Coalition of Non-Profit Professional Theaters  
Association of Performing Arts Professionals (APAP)  
Coalition of Performing Arts Centers  
Dance/USA  
League of American Orchestras  
League of Historic American Theatres

National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO)  
National Independent Talent Organization (NITO)  
National Independent Venue Association (NIVA)  
OPERA America  
Performing Arts Managers and Agents Coalition (PAMAC)  
Performing Arts Alliance  
Preservation Hall Foundation  
Theatre Communications Group

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The Honorable John Cornyn  
The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer  
The Honorable Rand Paul  
The Honorable Nydia Velazquez  
The Honorable Peter Welch  
The Honorable Roger Williams