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Mr. Mike Agranoff 11 Overlook Rd Boonton Township, NJ 07005-9115

Dear Mr. Agranoff:

Thank you for contacting me about the U.S. Government's ongoing response to the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 presents a serious public health risk to the communities of New Jersey's 11th Congressional District and to the United States of America. As your Representative in Congress, I am committed to supporting pragmatic legislation to meet and overcome the challenges associated with the spread of COVID-19. I rely on feedback from my constituents to inform my priorities in Washington, and I appreciate hearing your views on this important matter.

Over the past year, Congress has worked to pass bipartisan legislation focused on supporting our economy, ensuring our healthcare system is prepared to meet the challenges ahead, and mitigating the financial strain on families during this difficult time. Despite this, more work remains to ensure a robust and lasting recovery from this crisis, and Congress will not stop until the job is done.

Most recently, Congress considered and passed H.R. 133, a bill that included \$900 billion in COVID-19 relief funding. This funding provides critical support for strained state unemployment benefits, increased nutrition assistance, small business loans and grants, and improved public health infrastructure. The bill also provided for \$600 direct payments to most Americans, a down payment on future direct stimulus that Congress intends to fight for during the 117th Congress. Along with more than two thirds of my colleagues, I voted for the bipartisan CASH Act of 2020 to increase those direct payments to \$2,000, and I will continue to fight to bring needed relief to New Jersey families.

Providing emergency relief to families is the most important element of Congress' response to this crisis. It is vital that New Jersey receives additional federal support to meet the challenges of containing the spread of COVID-19. Our hospitals and health workers are on the front lines of the global pandemic response effort, and Congress must support their exceptional efforts to fight the virus.

As Congress continues to address Americans' emerging needs with new legislation, I intend to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and with the Biden Administration to meet this challenge together. We are all partners in this fight, and when Americans come together there is nothing that we cannot accomplish.

Again, thank you for contacting me about Congress' work to fight the spread of COVID-19 and provide needed relief to American households and businesses. Please continue to stay in touch and provide your important feedback and direction on the work of Congress. You can also stay up to date with my office by signing up for my newsletter or following me on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Sincerely,

Mikie Sherrill Member of Congress

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