



July 1, 2020

The Honorable Kevin Cramer  
400 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thom Tillis  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Robert Menendez  
528 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

*RE: S 4117: Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act*

Dear Senators Cramer, Menendez, Tillis and Sinema:

As a representative of the 30 million small businesses in America, Small Business Majority writes today in support of S. 4117, the Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act. This bill would provide automatic forgiveness for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans under \$150,000, alleviating the stress that many small and micro-business owners are experiencing when faced with confusing and strict loan forgiveness guidelines.

Small Business Majority is a national small business advocacy organization, founded and run by small business owners to ensure America's entrepreneurs are a key part of a thriving and inclusive economy. We have been actively engaging small business owners and policymakers in support of long- and short-term policies that will lead to a healthy recovery in the wake of COVID-19.

With COVID-19 cases increasing in many states nationwide, too many small businesses continue to struggle to stay afloat. While many have received loans through PPP to support them during this difficult time, they are struggling with loan forgiveness guidelines. In fact, in our recent polling, 80% of business owners who received a loan reported being concerned about the rules around loan forgiveness and having their loan forgiven. The program's requirements to spend a certain percentage of the loan on payroll and the time frame in which business owners must spend the money are just a few of the main concerns of business owners. Additionally, lenders and borrowers alike have found it difficult to keep up with the updates to the program.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we've advocated for unrestricted grant assistance to small businesses and critical reforms to PPP to make the program workable for small businesses that are struggling to keep their doors open. S. 4117 is a step in the right direction to help small businesses recover. It's important to note that the vast majority of PPP loans made are below \$150,000, but only reflect 26% of PPP funds delivered. Forgiving those loans would eliminate paperwork while ensuring small business businesses don't incur more debt during this economic crisis.

We support any legislation that will help alleviate the pain of small business owners during this incredibly difficult time and this legislation will do just that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Arensmeyer".

John Arensmeyer, Founder and CEO