SAMPLE CALL SCRIPT

Thank you Representative for the leadership you have exhibited in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and for supporting the all so necessary “Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act.” I am calling on behalf of the Jewish community. When you return to Washington, please pass another coronavirus relief bill that again replenishes the SBA Paycheck Protection Program, while setting aside significant funding specifically for nonprofits and permitting larger ones to participate in the PPP; and increases the Medicaid FMAP rate by a total of 12%, ensuring that our health partners have the critical resources to support higher COVID-19 health staffing costs. Please also cosponsor the Save the Organizations that Serve America Act (H.R. 6408), sign-on to the Moulton/Fitzpatrick Dear Colleague letter supporting nonprofits and their service delivery and ask House leadership to include these provisions in the next COVID-19 relief bill. Collectively these measures will allow us to support the basic needs of the most vulnerable in our communities, who are desperately trying to survive this public health and economic crisis. Thank you for your time.

SAMPLE EMAIL

Dear Representative:

I am involved in our local Jewish community and want to thank you for demonstrating leadership during this time of great need and, in particular, for your support of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. As you know, nonprofits across America, such as Jewish Federations and Jewish human service agencies, provide food, medicine, and other basic needs to hundreds of thousands of people every day, regardless of faith, background or ability to pay. Unfortunately, despite the breadth of the legislation that you have already passed, more support is still needed in our communities. When you return to Washington, please pass a coronavirus response bill that 1) replenishes the SBA Paycheck Protection Loan Program, while setting aside significant funding specifically for the nonprofit sector and permitting larger nonprofits (those with more than 500 employees) to participate in the game-changing Small Business Administration program; and 2) increases the Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate by a total of 12% (5.8% more than what was already included in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act) and ensuring that our health partner agencies like Jewish nursing homes, group homes for people with disabilities, and home health agencies have the resources to respond to the now much higher COVID-19 health staffing costs and are able to offer hazard pay for those who risk their lives to support the most vulnerable. Right now, while you are home with us in our district, please cosponsor the Save the Organizations that Serve America Act (H.R. 6408) and sign-on to the Moulton/Fitzpatrick Dear Colleague letter supporting nonprofits. In addition to providing support for Paycheck Protection Program and enhancing nonprofit access to other loan funds, the bill would fully fund unemployment insurance costs for nonprofits that self-insure and enhance the charitable tax incentives included in the CARES Act. Please encourage House leadership to include these SOS provisions in the next COVID-19 relief bill. Collectively these measures will allow us to support the basic needs of the most vulnerable members of our communities, who are desperately trying to survive this public health and economic crisis. Thank you for your time and consideration.