

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 20, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Chairwoman Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Robert C. “Bobby” Scott  
Chairman Education and Labor Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Virginia Foxx  
Ranking Member Education and Labor Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Chairwoman Lowey, Ranking Member Granger, Chairman Scott and Ranking Member Foxx,

New York State remains the epicenter of our nation’s COVID-19 crisis, with the most positive cases, and sadly, the most loss of life in the country. The situation in New York is critical, and we are on the forefront of this crisis and need additional assistance.

We want to commend you on your work to ensure the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economy Security Act (CARES) Act would provide relief to our health care system, put money directly into the hands of Americans, offer significant support to our small businesses, and importantly, deliver helpful education assistance to New York State. The assistance in the CARES Act helps fill in a portion of New York’s education budget gap. However, there is still significant help our state, and constituents, need to prevent widespread education funding cuts. That is why we ask you to include strong levels of funding directly to school districts through the Education Stabilization Fund to ensure our public education system cannot only weather, but also bounce back from, this public health crisis.

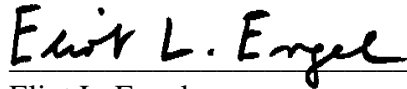
New York State schools have been closed as of March 16<sup>th</sup> statewide, but some schools have been closed as early as March 9<sup>th</sup> due to the COVID outbreak. This has left our state’s more than 200,000 teachers having to remote teach millions of students. The \$2 billion allocated for New York State of the overall \$30.75 billion through the CARES Act is a helpful starting point to assist our education system. These funds will be used to help New York purchase education technology and broadband to assist students learn at home. But with an unknown timeline for this public health crisis, more financial resources will be required for our educators.

That is why we are asking for robust education funds to be allocated in the fourth coronavirus package. Additional funding will prevent education layoffs, cuts in education services, such as AP classes, guidance counselors and social workers. We would also ask that these funds can be used for remote learning, school meals, summer school sessions, childcare reimbursement for schools that have had to pay for these costs, professional development for teachers and procuring personal protective equipment

(PPEs). Ensuring additional education funding is crucial to maintaining New York State's education system, and to avoid a slower education recovery. As we have been hardest hit by COVID-19, we ask that New York receive significant support in the next funding package to not only be made whole, but also to avoid layoffs, maintain our education programs and help close the glaring education gap.

We again want to thank you for the tremendous work in passing three critical funding packages to combat this public health emergency. We look forward to working with you on the fourth coronavirus funding package to stop this virus and set our nation on a strong recovery.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



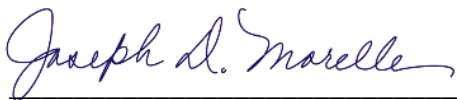
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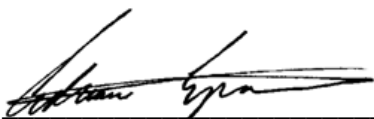
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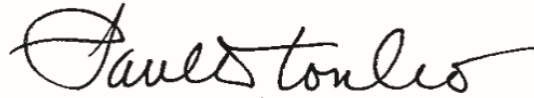
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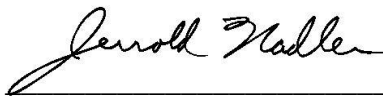
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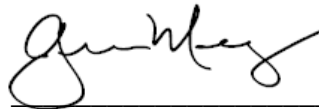
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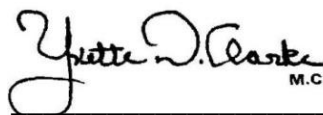
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