Local Government Aid Left Out of Latest Stimulus Package
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NYCOM and our members were very disappointed to learn that there will be no desperately needed COVID relief money for local and state governments in this week’s interim stimulus being passed by Congress. While there are commitments from some leaders in Washington to get it done in the next round, it remains far from certain whether, when and in what form that will happen. U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell actually dismissed the idea and suggested that state government bankruptcy is a better alternative. So this remains an uphill battle.

NYCOM and our members have worked diligently to build pressure on the New York delegation to support direct aid to all local governments. Assurances have been given by many such members of Congress that this funding will be provided in the fourth round of stimulus. But it will happen only if we keep their feet to the fire, continue to push this issue and not allow local governments to be ignored and left with a COVID-caused fiscal crisis.

For any mayors who have not yet signed onto our [funding request letter](mailto:lisa@nycom.org) to the New York congressional delegation, it's not too late to be included. Please email Lisa Earing ([lisa@nycom.org](mailto:lisa@nycom.org)) to confirm that your mayor's name be added to the 280 mayors already signed on.