## SAMPLE FORM LETTER TO MEMBERS OF US HOUSE OF REPS AND SENATE – CIAB MEMBERS 05/13/20

Honorable
U.S. House of Representatives / U.S. Senate
ADDRESS House Office Building / Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 / 20510

## Dear Representative / Senator:

As the personal and economic toll of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to expand, insurance brokers continue to serve clients in an uncertain world, providing essential guidance as we navigate through the unprecedented challenges facing us. We play a unique role in assisting individuals and businesses plan for uncertainty and risk, and providing critical services when losses occur. Although the current crisis poses unique challenges, the broker community continues to work to protect clients and uphold our responsibility to facilitate and provide critical services to support them and the nation's economy.

To advance those goals, we have joined with our policyholder clients and launched <u>America's Recovery Fund Coalition</u> (ARFC) to help millions of small businesses across the country that have been forced to close their doors in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Our coalition represents 58 million American workers (45% of the American workforce) from numerous sections of the economy.

Through a grant-based federal assistance program, America's Recovery Fund, would provide funding to help America's businesses – of all sizes – retain and rehire staff, pay rent, adapt to new requirements, meet certain debt obligations, and pay state and local taxes. The fund would include strict federal oversight and anti-abuse mechanisms, and be a vital lifeline to businesses, communities, workers, and state and local governments that rely on their success to support local economies.

As legislative solutions to address the economic devastation wrought by COVID-19 move through Congress, we respectfully urge you to look at the proposal by the America's Recovery Fund Coalition.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. In addition, please feel free to contact Joel Wood, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs at The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers at <a href="mailto:joel.wood@ciab.com">joel.wood@ciab.com</a> or Joel Kopperud, Vice President of Government Affairs at The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers at <a href="mailto:joel.kopperud@ciab.com">joel.kopperud@ciab.com</a>. FIRM NAME is a proud member of The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers.

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