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## United States Senate

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer:

I write regarding the importance of additional COVID-19 relief legislation as our nation faces an unprecedented wave of new cases. While the recent vaccine news is very promising for our mission to defeat the virus, it is clear the next few months will pose incredible challenges for many working families, small businesses, schools and medical facilities. I believe the Senate is at its best when both sides have an opportunity to give and take on their vision for the best way to deal with a pressing issue. That's why I urge you to immediately bring COVID-19 relief legislation to the Senate floor, so that we can debate and then pass a bill will help our communities get through the winter.

I am hearing directly from Montana families, business owners, school administrators and medical professionals that the devastating effects of this pandemic are getting worse. My state has already suffered nearly 700 COVID-19 deaths, and now our medical community is sounding the alarm that medical facilities are at capacity. Schools are struggling with the additional costs of a providing quality education to students while also keeping them safe. Businesses are fighting every day to make ends meet but can only do so much with the disruptions to everyday life. This global pandemic remains an unprecedented threat to Montana families, which is why Congress must step up to provide relief to those who need it most.

Instead of continuing to trade proposals back and forth in the press and point fingers at each other for failing to get a COVID-19 relief package done, it is time to come together and find a path forward to get meaningful relief across the finish line. Montana businesses and families simply cannot afford for us to waste another moment.

Sincerely,



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