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KATHY SHEEHAN
MAYOR

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

As a former New Yorker, you know first-hand how resilient and resolute our state's residents are. We have overcome terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and must now join forces to defeat an indiscriminate enemy: COVID-19.


As the Mayor of the Capital City of New York State, I write to echo Governor Andrew Cuomo's call for the federal government to provide a 50% hazard pay bonus to our frontline, essential public employees. Our public health professionals, sanitation laborers, fire fighters, police officers, transit workers, daycare providers, and all our essential workers are risking their lives each day to protect the lives of our entire community, and they deserve to be compensated for answering the call.

I am very appreciative of your administration's recent announcement that the usual 25% non-federal match required for FEMA recovery assistance has been waived. But more needs to be done to ensure state and local governments who are working closely with our communities to respond and lead recovery efforts are assisted.

I implore you to continue working with Governor Cuomo and Congressional Leadership to ensure state and local governments across the country receive the funding necessary to continue to protect the public, provide essential services, and do the important work of rebuilding our economy.

Now more than ever, residents from every state and city, Albany included, need our federal government to answer the call and rise to the occasion before us, and I implore you to do so.

Sincerely,



Kathy M. Sheehan
Mayor, City of Albany

CC. Hon. Charles Schumer, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate
Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senate
Hon. Paul Tonko, U.S. House of Representatives
Hon. Andrew Cuomo, Governor, State of New York