



May 22, 2020

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the managers and supervisors currently serving our nation in the federal government and whose interests are represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), I urge you to include Section 501(c)(6) nonprofit associations – like FMA – in the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) within legislation now under consideration. FMA is grateful that the House expanded PPP eligibility in the HEROES Act, which would provide critically needed support to associations. I write today to ask that you include similar provisions in any Senate legislation and not leave associations behind in any modifications to the PPP.

The association community, alongside workers, businesses and other nonprofits across the country, continues to suffer immense harm from the COVID-19 pandemic. Their measurable economic benefits include more than 1.3 million jobs for Americans and a total payroll of more than \$55 billion. Without access to the PPP nonprofit associations will be forced to reduce staff and could even cease operations. This is a result of insurmountable revenue loss from event cancellations and amid sharp membership declines.

In our case, COVID-19 forced FMA to cancel our 82<sup>nd</sup> annual National Convention and Management Training Seminar, which was scheduled in late-March through early-April. This is FMA's premiere event each year, and cancelling it had a profound impact on FMA's operations.

Thank you for considering our urgent request and for your continued service to our country during this challenging time. If you have questions, please contact Todd Wells, FMA's Executive Director, at (703) 683-8700 or via email at [twells@fedmanagers.org](mailto:twells@fedmanagers.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Craig Carter'.

Craig Carter  
National President