

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO COMBAT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region is home to over 6 million residents and the seat of the federal government, with hundreds of thousands of employees and contractors serving the country; and

WHEREAS, the health of the National Capital Region is a top priority for the continuity of our democratic government and critical to continuing federal government functions; and

WHEREAS, addressing the COVID-19 epidemic in the metropolitan Washington region is of top concern to the COG Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020 the federal government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocating funds for state and local governments to combat the epidemic and provide economic relief; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act classifies the District of Columbia as a territory, allocating funds of \$500 million, less than half of the minimum \$1.25 billion guaranteed to each state;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has a population of over 700,000 residents and pays \$6.5 billion in federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, the inter-connectivity of the population living and working in the District of Columbia, northern Virginia and suburban Maryland urges a need to combat the epidemic as a region; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of additional federal funds to the District of Columbia is essential to helping combat COVID-19 in the District of Columbia and throughout the metropolitan Washington region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The Board urges the federal government to allocate additional federal funds to the District of Columbia to support efforts to combat the COVID-19 epidemic and authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to send a letter on behalf of the COG Board of Directors to congressional leadership communicating this request.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors
April 8, 2020.**

**Monica Beyrouti Nunez
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