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Dear Neighbor,

When I started experiencing mild flu-like symptoms last week, I consulted my primary care physician, who ordered a test for COVID-19. The test I obtained at the drive-through site at Butler Memorial Hospital came back positive, so I will serve you from my home while resting and recovering from this illness.

I want you to know that while I recover, my staff and I are still here for you. My offices are operating on tele-work status, which means you can continue calling and emailing with any questions you may have during this difficult time. **If you need help, do not hesitate to contact us.**

I urge everyone to continue taking this virus seriously and working together to slow its spread. **Isolation is not fun, but I can tell you that neither is catching this disease.** We must ensure that our hospitals can help those whose symptoms require critical care, so **we can't all get sick at once.** Please practice social distancing and basic hygiene, and for now, stay home as much as possible so we can preserve and strengthen our medical care infrastructure by [bending the curve of infections](#).

The CARES Act: Help is on the Way to American Workers, Businesses, and Health Care Heroes

Last week, Congress enacted H.R. 748, the CARES Act. It is the third coronavirus relief package that extends a life-line to workers and businesses negatively affected by the fight against COVID-19. It also provides much-needed resources to our health care professionals on the front lines of this pandemic.

My offices put together fact sheets that will be helpful as you navigate the assistance that is coming your way. **Some information is provided by bullet below, but further detail can be found at the links. Please click them!**

[Recovery Rebates \(Stimulus Checks\)](#)

Questions you may be asking:

- **Who is eligible?:** Everyone except nonresident aliens, adult dependents who are claimed by another person on their taxes, and estates.
- **What do you need to do to receive your check?** For most of you, absolutely nothing! However, some seniors and other Americans who do not typically file tax returns will need to

submit a simple return to receive the stimulus payment.

- **How will you receive the stimulus money?** If you have set up direct deposit to receive tax refunds or Social Security benefits, you will automatically receive your benefits that way. If not, you will receive a check in the mail.

Unemployment Information

Key information on unemployment compensation:

- **The CARES Act established a temporary Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program** that expands coverage to more workers, including the self-employed, contractors, and furloughed employees.
- **Adds \$600 per week to state unemployment benefits** for the next four months.
- **Extends unemployment eligibility by 13 weeks** for those who need it.

Small Business Relief

There are multiple programs available to small businesses that are detailed in the above document. **To ensure you get the best information, I am not highlighting them with bullets and instead ask that you go to the link.**

How We're Getting Supplies to Health Care Heroes

Our doctors and nurses who are putting their own health on the line to treat COVID-19 patients deserve the best equipment we can get them, and in sufficient quantities. The federal government, utilizing partnerships with private companies, is producing and distributing tests, masks, and other resources to medical facilities across America as rapidly as possible. More information on this and how the CARES Act supports the effort is available from the [House Committee on Ways and Means](#).

We are in this Together

Americans are rallying together (even though physically separate!) in ways that should give every one of us confidence that we will get through this pandemic a stronger nation. Americans are selflessly isolating and enduring economic hardship to help their fellow citizens, manufacturers are voluntarily producing medical equipment to support doctors and nurses, and government officials at all levels are working around the clock to assess the appropriate policies to get back to normal as soon as possible. **This is tough, but we've been through tougher, so let's keep doing what Americans do by supporting our friends and neighbors.**

As I mentioned before, do not hesitate to contact my offices if you have any questions about the information in this newsletter or any other matter. We are still processing cases for assistance with federal agencies, so if your problem is unrelated to COVID-19, still call us.

Stay safe and be healthy!

Sincerely,



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