

## Private Practice Physical Therapists

*Small business professionals restoring function to America - one patient at a time.*

### PROVIDE STREAMLINED PPP LOAN FORGIVENESS TO SMALL BUSINESSES

**RECOMMENDATION: PPS urges Congress to pass the *Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act (S.4117, H.R.7777)* in order to provide targeted and streamlined PPP loan forgiveness to enable our small business owners to focus on providing physical therapy care while navigating the financial challenges caused by the public health emergency.**

#### BACKGROUND

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) created by Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and modified by the PPP Flexibility Act has been a lifeline for small businesses nationwide during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Private practice physical therapists provide outpatient physical therapy in their community-based clinics. Along with the therapists and support staff they employ, these small businesses are a vital and important part of the economy. The PPP program funds have enabled these private practice physical therapists to keep their doors open and thereby continue serving their communities throughout the public health emergency by providing patients with access to safe, necessary, quality physical therapy care.

According to [SBA data](#), approximately 86% of the businesses currently participating in the PPP have received loans of \$150,000 or less, indicating that this program is reaching and supporting many of our nation's smallest businesses. Under current law, small businesses are able to apply for full or partial forgiveness of their loans, provided they used the funds appropriately. The administrative burden of certifying compliance with the PPP requirements is just one of many new tasks that small business owners, particularly those who are also healthcare providers, must add to their growing list of things of new and necessary COVID-19 related activities. Streamlining the forgiveness process for the smallest businesses would provide much needed administrative relief and allow them to focus on their patients and their employees.

#### STREAMLINE FORGIVENESS FOR PPP LOANS OF \$150,000 OR LESS

The *Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act* will:

- Apply only to recipients of PPP loans of \$150,000 or less.
- Require SBA to quickly create a one-page online or paper form for eligible small businesses to certify to their lender that they have met the requirements of the program.
- Ensure that the form includes an optional checklist for the small business owner to indicate whether they have spent 60 percent or more on payroll costs or less than 60 percent due to issues with rehiring (pursuant to the PPP Flexibility Act).\*
- Require that the form include a way for borrowers to submit demographic information, at their discretion.
- Prohibit Members of Congress, their families, and senior Executive Branch members from benefiting from this "expedited forgiveness" mechanism. Such businesses would remain eligible for forgiveness under the original requirements of the program.\*

\*These two provisions are only found in the language of H.R.7777, not in S.4117.

**PPS believes that the *Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act (S.4117, H.R.7777)* would provide significant and much appreciated administrative relief to small businesses who are focused on providing necessary patient care during this public health emergency. To cosponsor S.4117, please contact Jason Stverak (Jason\_Stverak@cramer.senate.gov) in Sen. Kevin Cramer's office. To cosponsor H.R.7777, please contact Kayla Primes (Kayla.Primes@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Chrissy Houlahan's office.**