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To: New York Community Banks

FROM ICBA

ICBA On PPP Extension: Community Banks A Lifeline

ICBA said community banks will continue working to meet the needs of their communities after Congress passed and President Trump signed a law extending the Paycheck Protection Program application deadline.

In a [statement](#), ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey said community banks have been an economic lifeline to local communities during the COVID-19 pandemic, including through their participation in the PPP.

Congress passed legislation extending the PPP application deadline until Aug. 8 hours after the SBA stopped accepting PPP applications last week. The SBA has roughly \$130 billion in remaining PPP funds.

In her statement, Romero Rainey said ICBA and community banks continue advocating reforms to include in the next COVID-19 relief bill, including a more straightforward approach to PPP loan forgiveness as well as capital, accounting, and tax relief.

Community bankers can continue using ICBA's [Be Heard grassroots action center](#) to provide Congress with the full slate of recommended reforms to include in the next relief bill.

House Hearing This Week On Paycheck Security

The House Financial Services Committee has subcommittee [hearings](#) this week on paycheck security during the COVID-19 pandemic, artificial intelligence and contact tracing, and access to capital for women- and minority-owned businesses.

OTHER SOURCES

Treasury, SBA Miss To Release Data On PPP Loans Deadline

The Washington Post reports that the Treasury Department and SBA appear unlikely to release information on hundreds of thousands of Paycheck Protection Program loans this week as planned, a setback in the Trump administration's promises to be transparent about one of the largest economic stimulus packages ever created by the federal government. After offering contradictory statements on how much information they would release about more than 4.8 million forgivable loans issued from the \$660 billion program, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza announced last week that they would release the names of borrowers who received at least \$150,000 in funds before the holiday weekend.

CBO Provides Projections On Unemployment, Economic Outlook

The bipartisan Congressional Budget Office said that the unemployment rate will average 6.1 percent over the next decade, compared to previous estimates of 4.2 percent, not taking into account another possible emergency relief bill. The CBO also said the economic outlook for the same period has "deteriorated significantly" since its comprehensive projections last issued in January, with real gross domestic product falling 3.4 percent on average compared to the earlier estimates. ([Politico](#))

FROM NEW YORK

New York Small Businesses Face Insurance Problem

Many New York small business owners have found their "business interruption" insurance claims denied, told by insurance companies that they should have paid for special "pandemic insurance". . . a bill to make them pay has stalled in Albany, [The City reports](#).

New York City Enters Modified Phase 3

New York City is [entering phase 3](#) of the economic reopening, but it is a modified version of what has been allowed to carry on in other parts of the state. Indoor dining in New York City will not be allowed, as officials at the city and state level work to stave off the potential of a second wave hitting as parts of the south and west continue to see a surge in coronavirus cases. Most of New York has now entered phase 4, but that has been modified as well, with gyms, malls and movie theaters yet to open amid concerns the virus could be spread through air ventilation.

Editorial Urges "Flexible" Rent Repayment Plan Options

State lawmakers should require landlords to offer flexible rent repayment plan options when moratoria expire, and Congress should not only extend enhanced unemployment benefits but authorize billions in direct rental assistance, [the Daily News writes](#).

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