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To: New York Community Banks

FROM ICBA

House Sends PPP Extension To President

The House passed legislation to extend the Paycheck Protection Program application deadline until Aug. 8, sending it to President Donald Trump to be signed into law. The House vote came hours after the SBA stopped accepting PPP applications. The [SBA](#) has approved \$520.6 billion in PPP loans through Tuesday evening, leaving the program with some \$130 billion in remaining funds. The bill, which passed the Senate on Tuesday, also would decouple the PPP reauthorization from the SBA's 7(a) program to avoid shutting it down when the PPP expires. With the extension of the program into August designed to provide Congress time to pass another economic relief package, community bankers can continue using ICBA's [Be Heard grassroots action center](#) to recommend reforms to include in the next relief bill.

Senate Bill Would Forgive PPP Loans Under \$150K

Senate Banking Committee member Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) [introduced](#) ICBA-supported legislation that would forgive Paycheck Protection Program loans under \$150,000. The bipartisan Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act (S. 4117) would forgive such loans provided borrowers submit a one-page attestation form to lenders. The bill also would expand the hold-harmless provision for lenders that rely on borrower attestations to encompass all aspects of the loan process, not just forgiveness. ICBA is encouraging community bankers to urge their senators to support and co-sponsor the bill. Meanwhile, ICBA continues calling on community bankers to use its [Be Heard grassroots action center](#) to provide Congress with comprehensive policy recommendations for the next relief package.

OTHER SOURCES

Economy Added 5.8 Million Jobs Last Month

The U.S. economy added 4.8 million jobs last month, while the unemployment rate dropped to 11.1% from 13.3% in May, according to government data released Thursday. While the labor market showed more signs of recovery when the government's survey period ended in early June, the lag means that more recent developments, including [the surge in coronavirus cases](#) and resultant closures in some states, aren't captured in this data. The report was released alongside [the government's weekly unemployment filings report](#), which showed another 1.4 million Americans filed for jobless benefits last week. That remains below its all-time peak when the pandemic first hit, but remains historically high. Unemployment in February was at 3.5% seen in February before the coronavirus pandemic hit. Over 20 million jobs were lost in the first two months of the pandemic. (Axios)

Virus Infections Surged 50% Nationally In June

Coronavirus infections in the United States surged nearly 50% in June as states relaxed quarantine rules and tried to reopen their economies, data compiled Wednesday showed, and several states moved to reimpose restrictions on bars and recreation, [The Washington Post reports](#).

FROM NEW YORK

Report: New York City Could Lose 500,000 Jobs By End Of Year

Despite the phased reopening plan that is returning many New Yorkers to work during the COVID-19 pandemic, a new report released this week found that the city may still lose half a million jobs by the end of 2020, [Gothamist reports](#).

IBANYS will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available. Thank you all for your continued participation and support.

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