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To: New York Community Banks

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ICBA Continues Stimulus Push As Senate Bill Falls Short

ICBA urged policymakers to swiftly pass comprehensive stimulus legislation to address the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic as a Senate relief package failed to advance. In a [letter to congressional leaders](#), ICBA spotlighted community bank solutions to support the economic recovery, including Paycheck Protection Program and tax reforms, capital and accounting relief, liability protection, extending the GSE patch, support for agricultural and rural communities, and more. ICBA issued the letter as the Senate failed to advance a coronavirus relief package that includes ICBA-advocated PPP provisions, while negotiations between Congress and the Trump administration continue. The Senate voted 52-47 in favor of the "skinny" proposal led by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), short of the 60-vote threshold needed to advance it. ICBA will continue working with policymakers to advance the next stimulus package with pro-community bank provisions as soon as possible.

Coin Task Force Issues Resources

The U.S. Coin Task Force [published](#) new resources for financial institutions, armored carriers, and retailers to help address disruptions to coin circulation. The resources on the task force's [Get Coin Moving site](#) include best practices, suggestions to encourage coin circulation, customizable graphics, social media recommendations, and more. The task force also said it plans to complete another sprint this month to measure and monitor the impact of its resources to maximize effectiveness. ICBA serves on the task force, which [released](#) initial recommendations last month.

Fed Continues Increasing Coin Allocations

The Federal Reserve increased maximum coin allocations under its program that manages coin distributions due to low inventories caused by the coronavirus pandemic. In a [message](#) to Federal Reserve Cash Services customers, the Fed outlined the increases to small, medium, large, X-large, and XX-large "endpoint" groups. The sizing regime is based on historical ordering volumes and doesn't correspond to bank size, with branches, cash vaults, and outsourced handlers potentially serving as endpoints. With the allocation increases, the various groups are now nearer their pre-coronavirus average, with the Fed ultimately seeking to reach 100 percent of historical averages as supply chains normalize. The Fed noted that it is providing maximum allocations. If the agency's coin inventories are depleted, it might not be able to fully fill orders. The new caps will apply to orders placed today for pickup this Monday, Sept. 14.

FROM OTHER SOURCES

- In a 52-47 vote, the GOP's \$300 billion coronavirus economic relief package stalled in the Senate after being blocked by Democratic lawmakers, who have said they would accept a bill with a \$2.2 trillion price tag. Democrats had argued that the Senate GOP bill doesn't provide enough aid, and after the vote, Senate Minority Leader Schumer (D-N.Y.) called the bill "emaciated, inadequate and designed to fail." ([The Wall Street Journal](#))
- It's unclear what the next steps are on the next coronavirus economic relief measure. It seems highly unlikely a deal will come together before the November election. Senate Appropriations Chairman Shelby (R-AL) said it "looks" like negotiations are dead, though he added that "you never know around here." The latest from Marianne and Bres: <https://politi.co/3hiJzKM>.
- One of Wall Street's biggest employers is calling its trading staff back to the office. JPMorgan Chase JPM -1.03% & Co. executives told senior employees of the bank's giant sales and trading operation that they and their teams must return to the office by Sept. 21, according to people familiar with the matter. https://www.wsj.com/articles/jpmorgan-top-brass-tell-trading-floor-staff-to-come-back-to-the-office-11599757313?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTjJVMVptVXdZVGcwTVdJMCIiInQiOiJQMVd5MHdKMhYvQ3BYUE55MklyYnRjUlhdYVcrbUk2ZjFCVmlOR1U3aXFWa2hRcjhxUkd1RDItTEMzSEZ4S

