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The Honorable Jovita Carranza  
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Administrator Carranza,

Thank you for working diligently to address the ongoing coronavirus public health crisis. As you work to implement the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136), we ask that you ensure that nonprofit organizations that support our communities in times of need can fully benefit from the Paycheck Protection Program established in Section 1102 of the law.

Specifically, we are writing to request that the Small Business Administration (SBA) provide religious nonprofits with full access to Paycheck Protection Program loans and loan forgiveness, despite their religious affiliation and activities. We also ask that any religiously affiliated organization that receives a Paycheck Protection Program loan be permitted to continue to provide services to its community without restrictions on its religious practice, consistent with current law with respect to other forms of federal financial assistance.

Further, we ask that you clarify that entities that are affiliated with a religious institution, such as schools, day care centers, and adoption providers be treated as separate entities for the purposes of determining overall staffing levels. Failing to address this issue could cause religiously affiliated organizations across the country, such as community institutions that are affiliated with their local Catholic parish, to shut down as they lose access to this vital program.

Thank you again for your hard work throughout this public health crisis. We look forward to your response and we stand ready to work with you to address the needs of the American people during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

  
Bryan Steil

  
Glenn Grothman

CC: Secretary Steve Mnuchin

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