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March 3, 2021

The Honorable Jon Ossoff  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Raphael Warnock  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Ossoff and Senator Warnock:

As city leaders representing a diverse group of communities across the State of Georgia, we write to you today to offer our enthusiastic endorsement of federal pandemic relief that includes flexible emergency funding for all local governments, as well as additional funding for housing, education, food and nutrition, unemployment assistance, vaccines, testing and FEMA assistance.

As COVID-19 raged across the country over the past year creating a public health crisis and an economic crisis, local officials remained on the front lines providing critical services to residents and businesses and demonstrating heroic leadership during the country's worst pandemic in a century. Unfortunately, despite the pleas of local leaders throughout the country, most cities, including most cities in Georgia, were excluded from receiving essential federal aid throughout 2020. ***Mayors and all city leaders throughout Georgia stand UNITED to applaud the U.S. House's action to pass COVID relief legislation that will ensure local needs will be met. We urge the U.S. Senate to take immediate action to pass this urgently needed aid.***

Georgia's city leaders support legislation that provides assistance to local governments of all sizes; that allows flexible uses of these funds to allow for revenue recovery, does not set a deadline to spend down these funds, and contains reasonable guardrails to ensure allocations do not exceed annual operating revenues. Federal funds are urgently needed to help protect the lives and livelihoods of all people in Georgia. Municipal leaders stand ready to put these funds into action to mitigate the public health emergency and address negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 disease in our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important legislation and thank you for your leadership and support of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Vince Williams, GMA President	Mayor, Union City
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Abbeville plus all council  
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Austell  
Baconton  
Ball Ground  
Blakely  
Blue Ridge  
Bronwood plus all council  
Brookhaven plus all council  
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Butler plus all council  
Butler  
Canton  
Cecil plus all council  
Chattahoochee Hills  
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Cobbtown plus all council  
Coolidge  
Culloden  
Cuthbert  
Decatur  
Doerun plus all council  
Doraville  
Douglas  
East Point  
Fairburn  
Fort Oglethorpe  
Gainesville  
Gordon plus all council  
Hamilton plus all council  
Harrison plus all council  
Helen plus all council  
Hiawassee  
Hiltonia  
Irwinton  
Kingsland plus all council  
Kingston plus all council  
Lake City plus all council  
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Vicki Horne	McIntyre	plus all council
Mary Parham-Copelan	Milledgeville	
King Rocker	Millen	
Richard Martin	Morgan	
Randy Sims	Mount Zion	
Ronnie Jacobs	Nahunta	plus all council
Brenda Denison	Offerman	
Judy P. Cook	Pembroke	
Melanie Hammet	Pine Lake	plus all council
Jim Trott	Pine Mountain	plus all council
Barbara Rushing	Register	
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Ken Mock	Rocky Ford	
Josh Davis	Sale City	
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Linda Carol Edmonds	Sardis	plus all council
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Blue Cole	Sharpsburg	
Paul Langford	Shellman	plus all council
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Earl Jackson	Sparks	plus all council
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Margie Bryant	Culloden
Tellas Daniels	Culloden
JoAnn Taylor	Dahlonega
Kentaiwon Durham	Douglas
Gerald Smith	Dublin
Paul Griggs	Dublin
Jerry Davis	Dublin
Bennie Jones	Dublin
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Earl Brown	Fitzgerald
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Rick Stone	Rockmart
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Danny Brown	Sandersville
Mayme Dennis	Sandersville
Ilean Bady	Smithville
Shalnica French	Smithville
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