



June 10, 2020

The Honorable Bill Cassidy, MD
United States Senator

RE: LACCE Letter of Support – SMART Act

Dear Senator,

The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Executives (LACCE) represents over 50 Chambers of Commerce, and the association has a long and distinguished history of serving chamber professionals in the State of Louisiana. The association exists to advocate the role of the local chamber of commerce in economic and community development, and to provide LACCE members with exceptional services in the areas of professional development, information, and networking opportunities.

On behalf of our membership, we want to offer our support for your SMART Act proposal. We understand that the SMART Act, a bipartisan bill that would assist all local governments, will provide \$500 billion in emergency funding to every state, county and community in the country, while prioritizing assistance to the areas with the greatest need, restoring the economic activity of their communities long term. Providing federal relief for municipalities across the nation is critical to advancing the reopening of America and our national economic recovery, on which thousands of jobs and the livelihoods of American families depend.

We are grateful for your leadership during these difficult and uncertain times. Thank you for your continued support of our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sandra Lindquist", is placed over a light grey rectangular background.

Sandra Lindquist
2020 Board Chair, LACCE
Executive Vice President & COO, New Orleans Chamber of Commerce