



June 8, 2020

The Honorable William Cassidy, M.D.  
United States Senator  
540 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Menendez  
United States Senator  
1 Gateway Center  
Suite 1100 Newark, NJ, 07102

SMART ACT (S.3752) Letter of Support

Dear Senator Cassidy and Senator Menendez,

We the undersigned Parish Presidents of Louisiana Association hereby give our support and thanks to Senators Bob Mendenez (D-NJ) and Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA) who, along with coauthors, introduced their SMART Act proposal. The introduction of the bipartisan State and Municipal Assistance Recovery and Transition (SMART) Act will deliver critical relief to our parishes and municipalities within our parishes.

As elected leaders with parish populations ranging from over 400,000 to 18,000 the COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for all local governments not only within Louisiana, but nationally. The extreme loss of tax revenues which provide for essential services coupled with the unforeseen costs brought onto us by the response to COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to have an extremely detrimental effect on our role to provide for the citizens of our parishes.

We would like to commend you for your leadership skills and ability to find solutions included in your proposal of the SMART Act. We are grateful for you leadership during these uncertain and very difficult times. Federal relief for parishes across Louisiana is critical to advancing the reopening of our great nation.

We urge congress to act quickly to approve this bipartisan legislation and we look forward to using these funds to maintain the vital services and front-line responses that our citizens expect and deserve.


Sincerely,

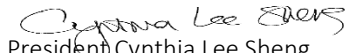
  
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