

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
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Dear Secretary Noem,

We write to request the timely distribution of previously unobligated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance funds related to COVID-19 response costs for hospitals across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals across Pennsylvania took extraordinary steps to protect public health and ensure continued access to care. Health systems rapidly expanded treatment capacity, secured protective equipment for frontline workers, and adapted their operations to meet the needs of patients during an unprecedented national emergency. These efforts required significant resources and placed immense financial strain on providers serving communities across the Commonwealth.

While FEMA approved substantial reimbursements through the Public Assistance Program, a significant portion of Pennsylvania's funding has still not been fully processed. Nearly \$600 million in reimbursements for Pennsylvania hospitals and health systems remains outstanding, delaying the support that providers were promised for their pandemic response efforts.

We also note that recent advocacy by Members of Congress helped secure the release of approximately \$2 billion in FEMA reimbursements for New York hospitals. We appreciate FEMA's responsiveness in resolving those claims and hope that a similar effort can ensure that Pennsylvania providers receive the funds that have already been approved for them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued work supporting communities across the country. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with the Department to ensure these reimbursements are delivered in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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