



## CEO Update: Our work together to fight COVID-19

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Business continuity for our members is our #1 priority, beginning with mobilizing our network to obtain emergency relief legislation that includes forgivable loans for nonprofits so that you have access to the same financial resources as other businesses. We fought hard to ensure the CARES Act included forgivable loans for nonprofits with under 500 employees.

Now with Congress writing coronavirus relief legislation #4, it's time to mobilize again around what you have told us is most important. You play a critically important role as a health and human services provider in ensuring the health and well-being of your community and it's important that you continue to be the steady presence you've been in your community after the health crisis.

Specifically, our request includes access to financial relief for health and human services nonprofits with over 500 employees. In addition, we are asking for \$100 billion in targeted financial resources for frontline nonprofit health and human services providers of any size to cover unreimbursed expenses attributable to the coronavirus public health emergency. Funds would be used to cover rising costs of labor, supplies, and provision of care, including purchase of personal protective equipment and related, needed supplies; additional costs associated with accepting and/or being assigned COVID-19 patients; workforce safety costs, and increased costs for retaining and/or increasing/training staff. Further details including additional support for certain nonprofit unemployment insurance costs are included in the [letter](#) we sent to all Congressional members.

The voice and impact of one of the largest faith-based networks of health and human services providers is critically important in Washington, DC. Join us [today](#) in making a difference in your future and in Lutheran social ministry organizations across the country that care for one in 50 Americans each year.

In gratitude for all that you do,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte Haberaecker".

Charlotte Haberaecker  
President and CEO