

DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS IN
THE SECOND CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND
RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A DESIGNATION OF FUNDING AS AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT
ALL FUNDING SO DESIGNATED BY THE CONGRESS, PURSUANT
TO PUBLIC LAW 116-6, SEC. 7058(d)(5); (133 STAT. 374); AND SEC-
TION 1706 OF THE SECOND CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND
RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 18, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: In accordance with section 1706 of the Second Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (division A of H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; the “Act”), I hereby designate as emergency requirements all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,


DONALD J. TRUMP.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 18, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Russell T. Vought 
Acting Director

SUBJECT: Designation of Funding as an Emergency Requirement

The Congress designated as an emergency requirement all funding in the Second Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (division A of H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; the "Act"). Section 1706 of the Act provides that the availability of funding that is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA) is contingent upon the President subsequently so designating all such amounts and transmitting such designations to the Congress.

The Act provides a net total of \$2.5 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2020 emergency funding, based on preliminary OMB scoring for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, the Treasury, and Veterans Affairs for emergency food and nutrition assistance, taxpayer services, and testing and related health services in response to coronavirus. The Act also provides such sums authority to implement a plan for States to provide food assistance in the form of an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card to households with children whose schools are closed and would otherwise receive free or reduced-price meals.

I recommend that you designate as emergency requirements all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of BBEDCA, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts. Upon transmittal of these designations to the Congress, these funds will be immediately available for obligation and expenditure. No further congressional action will be required.

The designation of these funds as emergency requirements allows for adjustments to the discretionary spending limits in FY 2020, as specified in section 251(b)(2)(A) of BBEDCA. These adjustments will be reflected when the Office of Management and Budget submits its sequestration update report for FY 2021 in accordance with section 254(e) of BBEDCA.

I have reviewed this proposed action and am satisfied it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letters to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

Enclosures

Accounts in the Second Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (the "Act"), with Funding Designated by the President as Emergency Requirements

Department of Agriculture (title I of this Act)

Food and Nutrition Service:

- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Commodity Assistance Program

General Provisions (title I of this Act)

Section 1101:

- Such amounts as are necessary are appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture in subsection (i) to carry out this section

Section 1102:

- Appropriation for the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa for nutrition assistance

Department of Defense (title II of this Act)

- Defense Health Program

Department of the Treasury (title III of this Act)

Internal Revenue Service:

- Taxpayer Services (including transfers)

Department of Health and Human Services (title IV of this Act)

Indian Health Service:

- Indian Health Services

Department of Health and Human Services (title V of this Act)

Administration for Community Living:

- Aging and Disability Services Programs

Office of the Secretary:

- Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund

Department of Veterans Affairs (title VI of this Act)

Veterans Health Administration:

- Medical Services
- Medical Community Care