

Republican controlled State capitals to distribute. To be exact, 59% of all State legislatures controlled by Republicans will redistribute your tax dollars. As a result, state governments will determine through a lopsided political process, which communities do and don't receive federal relief dollars.

For example, a recent Ohio Senate Bill (S.B. 310) proposes to distribute only 7.7% of its \$4.533 billion federal allocation to localities, which translates to \$29.90 per capita vs. a fair allocation of \$454.50 per capita from the CARES Act. At a time of such national stress, how repugnant is this Republican un-

equal distribution. In effect, communities across Northern Ohio are being shortchanged and losing millions of dollars: Cleveland (–\$163 million), Toledo (–\$117 million), Lorain (–\$27 million), Lakewood (–\$22 million), and Parma (–\$33.4 million).

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO COMMUNITIES, CARES VS. HEROES ACT

Locality	CARES Locality Allocations	CARES Equal Per Capita Allocations (Theoretical)	Estimated Ohio Allocations (S.B. 310 Pending)	FY20 Estimated HEROES Allocations	FY21 Estimated HEROES Allocations
Toledo .....	\$0	\$124,976,138	\$10,078,625	\$362,033,245	\$181,016,622
Sandusky .....	\$0	\$11,232,513	\$509,672	\$35,551,881	\$17,775,940
Lorain .....	\$0	\$29,100,726	\$3,305,501	\$58,997,836	\$29,498,918
Parma .....	\$0	\$35,792,330	\$2,388,115	\$46,518,935	\$23,259,467
Lakewood .....	\$0	\$23,508,558	\$2,352,577	\$96,486,908	\$48,243,454
Cleveland .....	\$0	\$174,433,919	\$31,665,995	\$1,038,682,671	\$519,341,336
Cincinnati .....	\$0	\$137,533,974	\$15,659,518	\$559,404,059	\$279,702,030
Dayton .....	\$0	\$63,920,880	\$8,095,038	\$282,218,173	\$141,109,087
Youngstown .....	\$0	\$29,523,411	\$1,967,717	\$170,034,169	\$85,017,085
Akron .....	\$0	\$89,993,727	\$8,012,136	\$294,247,102	\$147,123,551

In the CARES Act, Republican rural, and small states were also guaranteed \$1.5 billion regardless of their population, or COVID infection rates. When topline CARES states/locality funding is analyzed and the allocation divided evenly by population, Ohio received an average \$388 per capita. Yet, Republican states like South Dakota received \$1,413 per capita, Alaska received \$1,709, Wyoming \$2,160, and North Dakota \$1,640. How is a hard-working Ohioan from a community that has already suffered deindustrialization and outsourcing worth less than other Americans?

CARES ACT STATE PER CAPITA ALLOCATIONS

State	Per Capita CARES Act Funding Allocation
Ohio .....	\$388
Alaska .....	\$1,709
North Dakota .....	\$1,640
South Dakota .....	\$1,413
Idaho .....	\$699
Nebraska .....	\$646
Wyoming .....	\$2,160
Delaware .....	\$1,284
Montana .....	\$1,170
Kansas .....	\$429
Maine .....	\$930
West Virginia .....	\$697
Mississippi .....	\$420

To address these grievous injustices, I led an effort to request Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to certify “Locality” assistance of northern Ohio’s two economic regions whose population does exceed 500,000 persons—the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency’s (NOACA) and Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments’ (TMACOG). Secretary Mnuchin dismissed the requests out of hand stating, “Treasury relied on data from the U.S. Census Bureau.” Our regions should qualify by any reasonable measure of economic performance, COVID-19, and population distribution.

In effect, the CARES Act authorizes the disbursement of an enormous sum of money back to only some communities, but not all. The bill picks winners and losers. It does not give equal amounts based on population and certainly not need. It is very lopsided. By contrast, the HEROES Act leaves no community out. This bill would provide a fairer allocation to municipalities for two fiscal years based on a modified Community Development Block Grant formula. All counties would receive direct funding based on population. While this legislation has passed the House of Representatives, it is sitting in the Senate and awaiting action.

Democratic Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal best summed up Democratic dismay: “Remember, Democrats control only one half of one third of the government of

the United States.” The American people now must keep their eyes peeled on the Republican Senate and their state legislatures. Otherwise, millions of Americans are going to face their municipalities declaring bankruptcy with the massive furloughing of police officers, firefighters, emergency service personnel, and other first responders. Bankruptcy of America’s communities may be Senator Mitch McConnell’s solution. That is barbarian. We owe a fair shake to the American people in all our communities. Let’s fix the skewed formula in the CARES Act. Ensure population-based, fair allocations of federal coronavirus relief funding in future legislation. Democrats must lead with equity. Shortchange no region. Restore fairness to the American people.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
JULY 29

9 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Natalie E. Brown, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Sandra E. Clark, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, William Ellison Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Joseph Manso, of New York, for the rank of Amba-

sador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and Henry T. Wooster, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, all of the Department of State, Jason Myung-Ik Chung, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, J. Steven Dowd, of Florida, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Ramsey Coats Day, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, and Jenny A. McGee, of Texas, to be an Associate Administrator, both of the United States Agency for International Development.

SR-325

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s semi-annual report to Congress.

WEBEX

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine building a stronger and more resilient seafood sector.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine lessons learned from remote working during COVID-19, focusing on if the government can maximize use of leased space.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of J. Philip Calabrese, and James Ray Knepp II, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Aileen Mercedes Cannon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Toby Crouse, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas,

and Michael Jay Newman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

SD-226

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine human rights at home, focusing on values made visible.

WEBCAST

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine WTO reform, focusing on making global rules work for global challenges.

SD-215

2 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters.

SVC-217

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 1161, to support the education of Indian children, S. 2165, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, S. 2610, to reauthorize certain programs under the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs of the Department of Energy, S. 2716, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, S. 2891, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish Tribal Wildlife Corridors, S. 2912, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take certain land located in Pinal County, Arizona, into trust for the benefit of the Gila River Indian Community, S. 3019, to protect access to water for all Montanans, S. 3044, to amend the American's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 to expand the Indian reservation drinking water program, S. 3099, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, S. 3100, to convey land in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 3650, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to deem employees of urban Indian organizations as part of the Public

Health Service for certain purposes, and S. 3948, to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine how to safely reopen Bureau of Indian Education schools, focusing on preparing to head back to class.

SD-628

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine VA telehealth during and beyond COVID-19, focusing on challenges and opportunities in rural America.

SD-G50

JULY 30

8:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-106

8:45 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of State.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Anthony J. Tata, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

SD-G50

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine protecting the reliability of the United States medical supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SD-215

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Security

To hold hearings to examine the China challenge, focusing on realignment of United States economic policies to build resiliency and competitiveness.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 4212, to amend title 28, United States Code, to strip foreign sovereign immunity of certain foreign states to secure justice for victims of novel coronavirus in the United States, and the nominations of David W. Dugan, and Stephen P. McGlynn, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Hala Y. Jarbou, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Iain D. Johnston, and Franklin Ulyses Valderrama, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Roderick C. Young, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

SD-325

2 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, and Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

SD-106

AUGUST 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Venezuela, focusing on security and humanitarian situation.

SR-325

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine the right of the people peaceably to assemble, focusing on protecting speech by stopping violence.

SD-562