

**Cosponsor Bipartisan Legislation to Make State and Local Governments Eligible for
Emergency Paid Leave Payroll Tax Credits**

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Dear Colleague,

We ask you to join us in cosponsoring bipartisan legislation to support state and local governments facing unprecedented fiscal pressures due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The legislation would make state and local governments eligible for payroll tax credits for emergency paid sick and family leave.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) requires public employers to provide paid sick and family leave, yet the law excludes these same employers from receiving payroll tax credits made available to private employers. Our legislation would simply remove this exclusion to help state and local governments cover the costs associated with these programs. Specifically, the bill would strike Sec. 7001(e)(4) and Sec. 7003(e)(4) from P.L. 116-127 and provide much needed assistance to state and local governments experiencing economic difficulties during this public health crisis.

We hope you will join us in supporting state and local governments across the country that are on the frontlines, providing critical services to their communities. **The deadline to become an original cosponsor is Monday, April 13 at 12:00 PM.** Please reach out to Jessica Bernton (Jessica.bernton@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Schneider if you have any questions or would like to cosponsor.

Sincerely,

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