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Dear Senator:

Worldwide ERC® and the over 5400 workforce mobility and relocation professionals we represent support efforts to secure additional COVID-19 relief for individuals and businesses. We also back plans to expedite the vaccination of Americans as [we prioritize a safe return to business](#). Our industry stands ready to do its part on the road to recovery from this unprecedented health emergency.

Worldwide ERC® represents the people and businesses that facilitate the relocation and movement of talent. We are where work is going. Approximately 80 percent of our members are small- to medium-size businesses. It has been our members' jobs to ensure that all laws are complied with while safely moving and relocating essential workers and their families during this pandemic.

The slowed economy and travel restrictions needed to contain the virus have taken their toll on workforce mobility and our industry has suffered, like others, as a result. Given the importance of human talent to sparking economic growth and job creation, it is critical that additional financial relief be provided to help our industry rebound.

We respectfully ask that Congress negotiate in a bipartisan way the parameters of another economic stimulus and COVID-19 vaccination package and that you address:

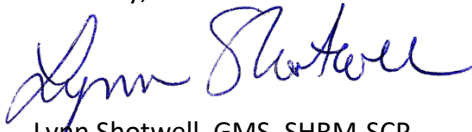
**Funding for Small Businesses**, including additional forgivable funding and the availability of low-interest loans well into 2021.

**Liability Protection** that provides a balanced approach to help protect employers acting in good faith as they reopen workplaces and relocate employees. Worldwide ERC® is leading the way on providing information to our community on how to return safely back to work. While the protocols we published in July, [Workforce Mobility Safely Framework](#), will help mitigate employees' exposure to COVID-19, it will not eliminate the threat all together, and employers doing the right thing should not be held unfairly liable.

**Reinstatement of the Moving Expense Deduction** to ensure that relocation and moving are more affordable. Such a retroactive reinstatement to the beginning of 2019 would provide approximately \$1 billion in immediate relief to workers and the employers moving them. While perhaps not contemplated for this narrow relief package, we urge you to consider reinstating this deduction as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions regarding our requests, please do not hesitate to have your staff reach out to Rebecca Peters, Worldwide ERC® Vice President of Member Engagement and Public Policy. Rebecca can be reached by email at [rpeters@worldwideerc.org](mailto:rpeters@worldwideerc.org) or phone at 703-842-3400.

Sincerely,



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