



December 22, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
H-232, The Capitol
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
H-107, The Capitol
Washington, DC. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer,

SUPPORT – H.R.5735 – STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL FISCAL RECOVERY, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DISASTER RELIEF FLEXIBILITY ACT

The City of Carson, California strongly supports H.R.5735 as a way to increase flexibility for cities to spend their American Rescue Plan Act funds in the most useful and advantageous ways possible.

This bill allows states, tribes, territories, and localities to use certain COVID-19 relief funds for new categories of spending, including for natural disasters and infrastructure projects. It also makes changes to expenditure deadlines and other aspects of this funding.

Specifically, recipients may use funds for emergency relief from natural disasters and associated negative economic impacts of natural disasters. In addition, recipients may use a portion of their COVID-19 relief funds for designated infrastructure projects, such as nationally significant freight and highway projects. Furthermore, the bill allows recipients to expend COVID-19 relief funds on these types of infrastructure projects until September 30, 2026. Under current law, recipients must expend the funds by December 31, 2024.

Other changes in the bill include (1) modifying eligibility and allocation requirements for funding set aside for counties and Indian tribes that are near public lands, (2) allowing Indian tribes an additional year to expend their COVID-19 relief funds, and (3) establishing a process for government entities to decline COVID-19 relief funds and requiring any declined funds to be used to reduce the federal deficit.

The City of Carson is proud to support this bill and acknowledges the key role that American Rescue Plan Act funding plays in helping cities provide the best local programs and services for their constituents. For these reasons, the City of Carson supports this legislation.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mr. David Roberts, Acting City Manager at droberts@carsonca.gov or (310) 952-1731.

Sincerely,

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