

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Janet Yellen
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen:

We write to urge the Treasury Department to provide states with guidance as quickly as possible regarding eligible uses of the state and local relief funds provided by the American Rescue Plan.

The American Rescue Plan provided \$350 billion in emergency relief to state and local governments that have been on the front-lines during the COVID-19 crisis. This relief will boost the economic recovery by protecting jobs, strengthening community services, facilitating necessary infrastructure investments, and replacing lost revenue.

Given impending budget deadlines, New Hampshire and other states require prompt guidance from Treasury regarding the eligible uses of state and local relief funds. Specifically, states need guidance as quickly as possible regarding section 602(c)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act, as added by the American Rescue Plan, which aims to ensure that relief funds are directed toward essential workers, services, and investments.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue.

Sincerely,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator