CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

CHAIRMAN SHELBY STATEMENT

“This should not be about politics; this is about doing our job to protect the American people from a potential pandemic. We worked together to craft an aggressive and comprehensive response that provides the resources the experts say they need to combat this crisis. I thank my colleagues for their cooperation and appreciate President Trump’s eagerness to sign this legislation and get the funding out the door without delay.”

OVERVIEW

1. *Aggressive Surge in Resources.* The package provides an aggressive surge in funding -- $7.767 billion -- to combat the coronavirus, more than triple the Administration’s original request.

2. *Comprehensive Response.* The package contains funding to combat the spread of the virus at the local, state, national, and international levels. 85 percent of the total funding will be spent domestically.

3. *Moving Quickly.* The House will take up the package first; the Senate will follow soon thereafter.

   Note: The amounts below are based on estimated needs from the experts and agencies on the front lines battling the coronavirus. The funding provided in this package is designated specifically for coronavirus prevention, preparation, and response efforts.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) -- $6.497 billion

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) -- $2.2 billion*

- State and Local Preparedness Grants -- $1 billion for state and local preparedness and response, half of which will go to states, cities, and tribes within 30 days. Each state will receive no less than $4 million.
- Global Health Security -- $300 million to continue CDC’s global health efforts that are critical to the health and security of the United States.
- Infectious Diseases Rapid Response Fund -- $300 million

*Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response -- $3.1 billion*

- For procurement of medical supplies to supplement the Strategic National Stockpile and support federal and state response efforts; research and development of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics; and hospital and health system preparedness
- An additional $300 million is made available for the purchase of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics; ensuring all Americans will have access to the drugs they need to combat coronavirus
- Health Resources and Services Administration -- $100 million for community health centers
National Institutes of Health -- $836 million
  o $826 million for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for research and development of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics
  o $10 million for the National Institute on Environmental Health Sciences for worker-based training to prevent and reduce exposure for hospital employees, emergency first responders, and other workers on the front lines combatting the virus

Food and Drug Administration -- $61 million for pre- and post-market work on countermeasures, therapies, and vaccines; to monitor and mitigate any medical product shortage; and to strengthen the U.S. medical product manufacturing sector

Telehealth -- Contains a provision that waives certain telehealth requirements during the coronavirus public health emergency to ensure Medicare beneficiaries can receive the care they need at home to avoid placing themselves at greater risk of this virus

Department of State and USAID-- $1.25 billion
  o Diplomatic Programs -- $264 million for consular operations, evacuation expenses, and emergency preparedness
  o Global Health Programs -- $435 million, including $200 million for the Emergency Reserve Fund
  o International Disaster Assistance -- $300 million to address humanitarian and health needs in affected areas
  o Economic Support Fund -- $250 million to address related economic, security, and stabilization requirements
  o Office of the Inspector General -- $1 million for oversight of resources provided in the package
  o Increases transfer threshold for emergency evacuations from $10 million to $100 million

Small Business Administration (SBA) -- $20 million for administrative expenses related to increased loan volume to help businesses affected by the outbreak

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