

April 6, 2020

The Honorable Seth Moulton  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1127 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1722 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Moulton and Fitzpatrick:

On behalf of the more than 54 million Americans with doctor-diagnosed arthritis in the United States, the Arthritis Foundation writes in support of the bipartisan Save Organizations that Serve (SOS) America Act (H.R. 6408), which extends the charitable deduction to all taxpayers regardless of whether a taxpayer itemizes deductions in order to encourage and increase charitable giving.

The Arthritis Foundation is a community-driven organization powered by a strong network of volunteers and fearless advocates. As the country works to stem the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Arthritis Foundation is a lifeline for people with arthritis seeking help, support, and answers during this difficult time. Many organizations have been and will be significantly harmed by reduced charitable giving, travel restrictions, fundraising event cancellations, and reduced meeting attendance as a result of COVID-19; the Arthritis Foundation has already been severely impacted across all of these areas.

The SOS America Act would provide \$60 billion of emergency funding for nonprofits and greatly increase the \$300 limit for the universal charitable deduction included in the CARES Act. The bill would also allow nonprofits of any size, not just those with fewer than 500 employees, to qualify for newly created Small Business Administration (SBA) loans.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please contact Vincent Pacileo, Director of Federal Affairs, at [vpacileo@arthritis.org](mailto:vpacileo@arthritis.org), if we can be of any assistance moving forward.

Sincerely,



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