



## Local Chamber, Tourism, and 501 (c) (6) Protection Act of 2020

**Congressional Bill Number:** H.R.6697. Official title: To amend the Small Business Act to expand the Paycheck Protection Program for certain organizations, and for other purposes.

**Status as of May 2020:** Introduced on May 5, 2020 by Reps. Pappas (D-NH), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Cisneros (D-CA) and Steube (R-FL). Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

### Why this matters to you:

- This bill modifies the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) implemented by the Small Business Administration in response to COVID-19 to include 501(c)(6) organizations. Many of these organizations will need this source of financial protection to withstand the loss of revenue due to cancelled or postponed exhibitions and events.
- This bill includes PPP for destination marketing organizations (DMOs) engaged in promoting communities and facilities to businesses travelers, exhibitions, meetings, and events. Many DMOs rely on funding from local hotel taxes which have dried up during the stay-at-home orders.
- DMOs provide critical economic development services for nearly every community across the U.S.

**Praise for co-sponsors:** Check to see if your legislators are among the cosponsors we praise for support of H.R. 6697. Better yet, [reach out to thank them in writing](#) (and [let us know](#) when you do)!

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**Our Call to Action:** We urge House members to sign on (cosponsor) H.R. 6697 *Local Chamber, Tourism, and 501 (c) (6) Protection Act of 2020*, to provide Paycheck Protection Program funding to 501(c)(6) organizations or destination marketing organizations (DMOs).

**Overview:** This bill modifies the Paycheck Protection Program implemented by the Small Business Administration in response to COVID-19. Specifically, the bill expands the program to encompass organizations with 300 or fewer employees that (1) operate under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (2) are a destination marketing organization (DMO) engaged in promoting communities and facilities to businesses travelers.

**Our message:** Both 501(c)(6) and destination marketing organizations (DMOs) play a critical role in a phased reopening of the economy, which will be increasingly more difficult if they do not have Paycheck Protection Program funding to sustain their operations. The lack of investment will cost the U.S. economy millions in revenue and jobs.



- 501(c)(6) organizations are the backbone of industry best practices, training, and knowledge transfer most notably through the vehicles of exhibitions and events. Many of these organizations may not survive until it is safe to meet again. Many rely on revenue generated from these activities.
- DMOs provide critical economic development services for nearly every community across the U.S. DMOs are the engines of the travel economy and their collapse will slow the economic recovery of the entire travel industry.

**Additional resources:**

- [Track the bill on Congress.gov](#)
- [Destinations International: Help U.S. Destination Organizations Access the PPP](#)