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Dear Secretaries Mnuchin and Bernhardt:

I write to express opposition to non-governmental entities accessing any portion of the Coronavirus Relief Fund authorized in Section 5001 of the CARES Act.

It was the clear intent of Congress that the Coronavirus Relief Fund be used to help State, local and Tribal governments to meet their ongoing financial obligations and expenditures in the face of declining revenues. This funding was provided to us in recognition that, unlike corporate enterprises, government run businesses provide funding for essential government services such as public safety, and healthcare.

I appreciate the Departments' considerable effort on behalf of Native American nations and our people. This is a trying time for the entire country, and the opposition expressed in this letter does not reflect any ill-will or animosity towards Alaskan Native Corporations or their shareholders. In fact, it is my hope that these important native economic enterprises have full access to the broad suite of programing available to corporate America including (but not limited to) the Paycheck Protection Program, the Employee Retention Credit, and the Federal Reserve's Loan Facility program.

Sincerely,


Daniel Gomez, Chairman