Top Requests for Next COVID-19 Legislative Package
As of April 7, 2020

- **Education funding**: Provide at least $175 billion for the Education Stabilization Fund to distribute to states, allocated by formula, for public pre-K through post-secondary education to fill budget gaps caused by declining state revenues due to the COVID-19 national emergency. Prohibit “microgrants” and other voucher schemes that siphon funding from public schools and undermine accountability.

- **Homework gap**: Appropriate $2 billion for the E-Rate program administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to help schools procure and distribute Wi-Fi hotspots and connected devices to K-12 students who don’t have them at home.

- **Student loans**: For the duration of the COVID-19 national emergency, cancel monthly federal student loan payments and interest accrual, including commercially held Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) and Perkins Loans held by institutions of higher education. After the national emergency ends, cancel at least $30,000 in student loan debt per student.

- **Personal protective equipment (PPE)**: Provide PPE for teachers, Education Support Professionals (ESPs), and other school staff, including food service workers who prepare and distribute meals and custodians who clean and disinfect buildings.

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and child nutrition**: Increase monthly minimum SNAP benefit from $16 to $30 and maximum by 15 percent. Suspend changes in SNAP rules proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that limit eligibility and weaken benefits. Extend the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program through the summer of 2020 for students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

- **Health care**: Provide extended COBRA premium relief that includes federal, state, and local employees. Protect COVID-19 patients from surprise medical bills.

- **Immigration**: Automatically extend work authorization for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders.

- **Sick leave**: Extend paid sick leave provisions of the CARES Act.

- **Stimulus payments**: Provide second round of payments at least as big as the first round under the CARES Act. Expand/ensure eligibility so that young adults, all seniors, and immigrants not covered by the first round receive payments.

- **Unemployment Insurance**: Extend unemployment insurance provisions of the CARES Act. Modify “between terms” restriction to allow individuals to receive payments during the summer.

- **Voting rights**: Provide at least $2 billion more in funding to ensure all eligible voters can actually vote come November while protecting public health and safety.

- **Housing stability**: Provide additional funding to help prevent homelessness, evictions, and foreclosures.