CORONAVIRUS EXPLAINER PROGRESSIVE ACTION FUND

Manager's Amendment to the Heroes Act

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A <u>Manager's Amendment</u> to <u>H.R. 6800</u>, the Heroes Act, was filed with the House Rules Committee on May 14, 2020. It will be considered as adopted with passage of the rule on the Heroes Act. PCAF also has a full summary of the Heroes Act at

https://progressivecaucusactionfund.org/s/Progressive-Priorities-in-the-HEROES-Act-Final.pdf.

Key provisions

- \$309 million for rural housing assistance
- Requires study on COVID-19 disinformation
- Fully ensures DC parity for state and local government aid
- Clarifies inclusion of domestic workers in the Employee Retention Tax Credit
- Creates risk corridor programs for individual, group, and Medicare Advantage health insurance plans during COVID-19 emergency
- Applies anti-discrimination protections to Heroes Act and other coronavirus relief packages
- Restricts use of PPP loans to compensate registered lobbyists
- Makes 501(c)(4) organizations ineligible for PPP if they engage in campaign finance activities
- Clarifies PPE as an eligible use for PPP loans
- Narrows \$10,000 student debt cancellation to economically distressed borrowers (those in default, deferral, forbearance, or at \$0 income-based repayment as of March 12, 2020)
- Includes telecommunications workers as essential workers
- Requires scientific integrity policies for all federal agencies involved in scientific research