

City of Palo Alto

Office of the Mayor and City Council

April 13, 2020

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
House of Representatives
202 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for H.R. 6467 (Neguse)

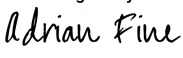
Dear Representative Eshoo:

On behalf of the Palo Alto City Council, I thank you for your recent efforts to assist local governments during this unprecedented time. As you know, the recently enacted CARES Act will help the nation fight the current public health crisis, but it does not provide direct financial assistance to most cities. In fact, only four of California's 482 cities will receive direct federal aid under the Act. As such, we appreciated the April 2, 2020 letter to Speaker Pelosi where you and your colleagues urged that in future COVID-19 legislation, Congress include direct stabilization funding to localities with populations under 500,000.

Recently, we learned of H.R. 6467, sponsored by your colleague from Colorado, Rep. Joe Nuguse. This bill proposes \$250 billion in financial assistance to local communities such as Palo Alto. Like larger cities and counties, which will receive direct aid, we too are faced with increased costs and depleting revenues. H.R. 6467 would certainly assist Palo Alto and other cities when we move from crisis management to crisis recovery. As such, we urge you to consider co-sponsoring or otherwise supporting this bill.

We thank you for your consideration and your continued work.

Sincerely,

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Adrian Fine
Mayor, Palo Alto

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Palo Alto City Council
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