

# United States Senate

May 18, 2020

The Honorable Jovita Carranza  
Administrator  
Small Business Administration  
Suite 7000  
409 Third Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Administrator Carranza:

We write to ask that you revise your current guidance to make 501(c)3 nonprofit educational institutions eligible for financial assistance programs, such as the Paycheck Protection Program, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many nonprofit colleges and culinary schools rely on annual revenue from affiliated small businesses: restaurants, event venues, and other hospitality-oriented businesses. The relationship between business and academia at culinary institutions, for example, is an innovative system that provides students with real-world experience to prepare them for their chosen profession and is critical to the institutions' ability to maintain affordable tuition rates. In addition, the economic and tourism impact these schools have is substantial.

We recognize that our economy will take time to recover, and our restaurants and hospitality industries will continue to be impacted. However, the current structure of federal assistance programs limits schools' ability to properly address business concerns under its non-profit designation. As such, an exception to the guidance released by your administration is essential to keeping these culinary institutions in business.

Thank you for your consideration of our request, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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John Cornyn  
United States Senator

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Kamala D. Harris  
United States Senator

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Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator