

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

April 7, 2020

The Honorable Jovita Carranza  
Administrator  
Small Business Administration  
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Washington, DC 20416

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Administrator Carranza,

We write to you today asking for your clarification on eligibility for dairy farmers applying for the new Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans from SBA-approved lenders. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act [P.L. 116-136] does not state that dairy farmers are ineligible to receive PPP loans due to their North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code. To ensure that thousands of dairy operations that meet the PPP loan requirements are not erroneously denied from receiving PPP loans, we request that the SBA provide immediate confirmation to lenders that the NAICS code for dairy farmers is not relevant to their eligibility for a PPP loan. We must ensure that SBA-approved lenders have a clear understanding of PPP loan eligibility requirements as outlined in the CARES Act. Your immediate clarification and guidance will help eligible PPP loan applicants, including dairy farmers, receive the assistance they need.

We have had several financial institutions and SBA officials in Wisconsin reach out to us asking for clarification. We appreciate your thoughtful and timely consideration of this request. Please respond to our staff Ethan.Holmes@mail.house.gov (Rep. Kind) and Kevin.Taheri@mail.house.gov (Rep. Gallagher) with clarification or any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,



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Ron Kind  
Member of Congress



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Mike Gallagher  
Member of Congress