

# PROTECT OUR CARE

**TO: Interested Parties**  
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**RE: New Polling on Coronavirus Relief Legislation**

**According to new polling by Hart Research on behalf of Protect Our Care, the Democratic position on the content and size of a coronavirus relief package is considerably more popular with voters than that of Mitch McConnell and the Republicans. Americans, including a substantial number of Trump voters, want a comprehensive coronavirus relief package bill rather than one that does less and would cost less.**

Americans want Congress to act in a way that reflects the magnitude of the challenge facing the country. There is a powerful contrast between Democrats who take the threat of coronavirus seriously and Republicans, who refuse to do so.

- When asked “Who do you agree with, Democrats who favor a more comprehensive coronavirus bill that would cost more, or the Republicans, who favor a less comprehensive bill that would cost less?” 61% of voters favor Democrats, including over a quarter of Trump voters and 56% of independents.

**Voters believe Republicans are not taking the coronavirus seriously enough and Democrats enter the debate with significantly higher voter trust.**

- 79% of voters think the spread of the disease is a crisis or a very serious problem, and 75% of voters think the economic crisis is going to get worse.
- President-elect Biden has strong approval ratings (+22) on how he is addressing the coronavirus pandemic. 54% approve and 32% disapprove.
- Republicans in Congress enter the debate in weaker shape than Democrats. 54% of voters say Republicans are not taking the coronavirus seriously enough while 57% of voters think Democrats are taking it seriously enough.

**Democratic priorities for the coronavirus relief package are broadly supported. 56% or more of voters ranked these as particularly important:**

- Provide economic stimulus to help the economy recover and grow.
- Provide support to people who are struggling to pay their bills because they have lost their jobs or lost wages during the pandemic.
- Make sure everyone has access to a coronavirus vaccine with no out-of-pocket cost.
- Support for expanding testing and other public health programs.
- Support for small businesses.

- Making it easier for people to get health insurance if they lost coverage due to the pandemic.

**While Democratic priorities enjoy broad popular support, the priorities of Senator McConnell do not.** In fact, “helping major industries, including the airlines and travel industry that have been hard hit because of the pandemic” and “providing businesses with legal immunity in coronavirus cases that would prevent employees and customers from suing them for unsafe practices” -- are the least popular of all those tested. Only 30% or less of voters ranked these as extremely important.