

Tell Congress to Pass the HEROES Act Including Pension Protections

H.R. 6800, THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY OMNIBUS EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS (HEROES) ACT will provide critical and necessary investments into the federal government's response to the COVID-19 economic and public health crisis.

This pandemic requires massive and forward-leaning policies and investments that address the emergency needs and resources that are necessary to rebuild our economy, our country, and the shattered lives of families everywhere. This extraordinary piece of legislation does just that.



KEY PROVISIONS THAT LIUNA SUPPORTS INCLUDE:

- A “hazard pay” fund to provide premium pay for essential workers who have had to risk exposure to the virus as they stay on the job while much of the rest of the country has been shut down
- 100% COBRA subsidies to help laid off and furloughed workers pay their health care premiums, ensuring continuity in health care for our members and their families
- Extending the \$600 weekly increase in unemployment insurance
- Additional funding for OSHA for workplace health and safety, and a new Emergency Temporary Standard to protect our members who are still working
- Much needed assistance to state and local governments
- Funding for the United States Postal Service
- Additional financial assistance for individuals and dependent children up to the age of 24
- Immigrants including Dreamers and TPS holders would be eligible for cash payments and would receive work authorization extensions.
- Critical funding for election protection, including voting by mail
- Protections for telework and workers’ compensation presumption for federal employees

MULTI-EMPLOYER PENSION RELIEF/REFORM

- The HEROES Act includes critical and desperately needed pension reform measures that will stabilize the pensions of over one million Americans and eliminate benefit cuts.
- It also includes the GROW Act which will provide a useful tool and possible option for defined benefit multi-employer pension funds. This will allow these funds to transition to a “composite plan,” if and when trustees deem necessary to protect and ensure the retirement security of their participants, retirees, and beneficiaries.

PLEASE TELL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO PASS THE HEROES ACT AND THAT LIUNA SUPPORTS INCLUSION OF THE GROW ACT.