

April 1, 2020

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy Governor of Alaska State Capitol P.O. Box 110001 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

I write today to request information regarding Alaska's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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The Honorable Kay Ivey Governor of Alabama State Capitol 600 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL 36130-2751

Dear Governor Ivey:

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The Honorable Asa Hutchinson Governor of Arkansas State Capitol Room 250 Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson:

I write today to request information regarding Arkansas's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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The Honorable Doug Ducey Governor of Arizona State Capitol 1700 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Ducey:

I write today to request information regarding Arizona's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of California State Capitol Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

We write today to request information regarding California's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while we identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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The Honorable Ralph DeLeon Guerrero Torres Governor Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Caller Box 10007 Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I write today to request information regarding the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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The Honorable Jared Polis Governor of Colorado 136 State Capitol Denver, CO 80203-1792

Dear Governor Polis:

I write today to request information regarding Colorado's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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The Honorable Ned Lamont Governor of Connecticut 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont:

I write today to request information regarding Connecticut's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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The Honorable Muriel Bowser Mayor of the District of Columbia John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Bowser:

I write today to request information regarding the District of Columbia's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable John Carney Governor of Delaware Legislative Hall Dover, DE 19901

Dear Governor Carney:

I write today to request information regarding Delaware's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Ron DeSantis Governor of Florida Pl 05 The Capitol 400 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

We write today to request information regarding Florida's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while we identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Brian Kemp Governor of Georgia 203 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Governor Kemp:

I write today to request information regarding Georgia's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Lourdes "Lou" A. Leon Guerrero Governor of Guam Executive Chamber P.O. Box 2950 Agana, GU 96932

Dear Governor Guerrero:

I write today to request information regarding Guam's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staffs are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable David Ige Governor of Hawaii Executive Chambers State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Ige:

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Kim Reynolds Governor of Iowa State Capitol 1007 East Grand Ave. Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds:

I write today to request information regarding Iowa's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Brad Little Governor of Idaho 700 West Jefferson Second Floor Boise, ID 83702

Dear Governor Little:

I write today to request information regarding Idaho's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable J.B. Pritzker Governor of Illinois State Capitol 207 Statehouse Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker:

We write today to request information regarding Illinois' requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while we identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Eric Holcomb Governor of Indiana State House Room 206 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2729

Dear Governor Holcomb:

I write today to request information regarding Indiana's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Laura Kelly Governor of Kansas Capitol 300 SW 10th Avenue, Suite 212S Topeka, KS 66612-1590

Dear Governor Kelly:

I write today to request information regarding Kansas' requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Andy Beshear Governor of Kentucky 700 Capitol Ave., Suite 100 Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Governor Beshear:

I write today to request information regarding Kentucky's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable John Bel Edwards Governor of Louisiana P.O. Box 94004 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Dear Governor Edwards:

I write today to request information regarding Louisiana's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Charlie Baker Governor of Massachusetts State House Office of the Governor, Room 360 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

I write today to request information regarding Massachusetts' requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Larry Hogan Governor of Maryland State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan:

I write today to request information regarding Maryland's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Janet Mills Governor of Maine 1 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor Mills:

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer Governor of Michigan P.O. Box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer:

I write today to request information regarding Michigan's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Tim Walz Governor of Minnesota 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz:

I write today to request information regarding Minnesota's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Mike Parson Governor of Missouri Capitol Building Room 216, P.O. Box 720 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Parson:

I write today to request information regarding Missouri's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Tate Reeves Governor of Mississippi P.O. Box 139 Jackson, MS 39205

Dear Governor Reeves:

I write today to request information regarding Mississippi's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Steve Bullock Governor of Montana State Capitol Helena, MT 59620-9004

Dear Governor Bullock:

I write today to request information regarding Montana's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Roy Cooper Governor of North Carolina Office of the Governor 20301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor Cooper:

I write today to request information regarding North Carolina's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Doug Burgum Governor of North Dakota Dept. 101 600 E. Boulevard Ave. Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

Dear Governor Burgum:

I write today to request information regarding North Dakota's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Pete Ricketts Governor of Nebraska P.O. Box 94848 Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Dear Governor Ricketts:

I write today to request information regarding Nebraska's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Chris Sununu Governor of New Hampshire 107 North Main Street, Room 208 Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Sununu:

I write today to request information regarding New Hampshire's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Phil Murphy Governor of New Jersey The State House P.O. Box 001 Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

We write today to request information regarding New Jersey's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staffs are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while we identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor of New Mexico State Capitol Fourth Floor Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Lujan Grisham:

I write today to request information regarding New Mexico's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Steve Sisolak Governor of Nevada Capitol Building 101 N. Carson St. Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sisolak:

I write today to request information regarding Nevada's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo Governor of New York State Capitol Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We write today to request information regarding New York's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while we identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Mike DeWine Governor of Ohio 30th Floor 77 South High Street Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

I write today to request information regarding Ohio's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Kevin Stitt Governor of Oklahoma Capitol Building 2300 Lincoln Blvd., Rm. 212 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Stitt:

I write today to request information regarding Oklahoma's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Kate Brown Governor of Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St. NE, Suite 254 Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Brown:

I write today to request information regarding Oregon's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf Governor of Pennsylvania Room 225 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

I write today to request information regarding Pennsylvania's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Wanda Vázquez Garced Governor of Puerto Rico La Fortaleza P.O. Box 9020082 San Juan, PR 00902-0082

Dear Governor Vázquez Garced:

I write today to request information regarding Puerto Rico's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staffs are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Gina Raimondo Governor of Rhode Island State House Providence, RI 02903

Dear Governor Raimondo:

We write today to request information regarding Rhode Island's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while we identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Lolo Matalasi Moliga Governor of American Samoa Executive Office Building Third Floor Pago Pago, AS 96799

Dear Governor Moliga:

I write today to request information regarding American Samoa's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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BENNIE G. THOMPSON Chairman

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Henry McMaster Governor of South Carolina 1205 Pendleton Street Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor McMaster:

I write today to request information regarding South Carolina's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

The Committee is deeply concerned by numerous media reports describing how the growing shortage of PPE and other essential medical equipment is affecting our nation's capacity to safely test and care for individuals with COVID-19 and leaving medical professionals at substantial and unnecessary risk of acquiring and transmitting the disease.<sup>1</sup> The Committee urgently seeks to understand both the availability of equipment in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and disbursements from the SNS, as well as the provision of PPE and other medical equipment and supplies by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and other Federal entities.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Kristi Noem Governor of South Dakota 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Governor Noem:

I write today to request information regarding South Dakota's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Bill Lee Governor of Tennessee Tennessee State Capitol Nashville, TN 37243-0001

Dear Governor Lee:

I write today to request information regarding Tennessee's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Greg Abbott Governor of Texas P.O. Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711

Dear Governor Abbott:

I write today to request information regarding Texas' requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while we identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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SHEILA JACKSON LEE Member of Congress



April 1, 2020

The Honorable Albert Bryan Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands Government House, 21-22 Kongens Gade Charlotte Amalie St. Thomas, VI 00802

Dear Governor Bryan:

I write today to request information regarding the U.S. Virgin Islands' requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Gary R. Herbert Governor of Utah Utah State Capitol Suite 200 Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Governor Herbert:

I write today to request information regarding Utah's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Ralph Northam Governor of Virginia State Capitol Third Floor Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Northam:

I write today to request information regarding Virginia's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Phil Scott Governor of Vermont 109 State Street Pavilion Office Building Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Scott:

I write today to request information regarding Vermont's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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If possible, the Committee asks that you please provide from December 1, 2019, through the present:

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BENNIE G. THOMPSON Chairman

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Jay Inslee Governor of Washington P.O. Box 40002 Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee:

I write today to request information regarding Washington's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

The Committee is deeply concerned by numerous media reports describing how the growing shortage of PPE and other essential medical equipment is affecting our nation's capacity to safely test and care for individuals with COVID-19 and leaving medical professionals at substantial and unnecessary risk of acquiring and transmitting the disease.<sup>1</sup> The Committee urgently seeks to understand both the availability of equipment in the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and disbursements from the SNS, as well as the provision of PPE and other medical equipment and supplies by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and other Federal entities.

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Sincerely.

BENNIE G. THOMPSON Chairman

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Tony Evers Governor of Wisconsin 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Evers:

I write today to request information regarding Wisconsin's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Jim Justice Governor of West Virginia 1900 Kanawha Street Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Governor Justice:

I write today to request information regarding West Virginia's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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April 1, 2020

The Honorable Mark Gordon Governor of Wyoming State Capitol Building Room 124 Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Governor Gordon:

I write today to request information regarding Wyoming's requests for and receipt of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment and supplies such as ventilators, swabs, and testing reagents from the Federal government. The Committee recognizes that you and your staff are confronting an unprecedented challenge and this request is in no way intended to create any new reporting burden. Therefore, while I identify below the information that the Committee would find most helpful, the Committee appreciates any information that you are able to provide—including summary data—and will gladly accept responses in any form most convenient for you and your staff.

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