



MARCH 24, 2021

The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary of Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Yellen:

On behalf of the Ohio Mayors Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of mayors in over two dozen of Ohio's largest cities, we write to you today to request that the United States Treasury apply the broadest possible discretion to the American Rescue Plan Act guidance to ensure funding is provided to townships.

Ohio's local governments have and will continue to work together to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This cooperation has been essential in mitigating the spread of this virus. It will also be essential as we emerge from this crisis and begin the process of healing and recovery.

The resources provided to local communities in Ohio and across the country through the ARPA will be critical. These funds will not only address lost revenue from the economic downturn, but will also serve as a catalyst for economic recovery going forward. To ensure that we have a strong recovery, it is important that ALL our local government partners are provided funding through the ARPA.

Thank you for your leadership throughout this important process and for the work currently underway to ensure that the U.S. Treasury guidance on these funds is clear, consistent, and unambiguous. Strong guidance will allow local communities to quickly deploy the ARPA resources and jump start our economic recovery. We hope to see funding made available to townships as a part of this process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keary McCarthy", is written over a horizontal line.

Keary McCarthy, Executive Director
Ohio Mayors Alliance