Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 4, 2020

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

Dear Administrator Carranza,

Thank you for your work to implement the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and bring assistance to struggling Americans.

As cited in our previous letter dated April 30, 2020, the CARES Act requires the Small Business Administration (SBA) to apply its affiliation rules for small businesses in determining whether a nonprofit exceeds the PPP's 500 employee limit. Under these rules, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and its affiliates are disqualified from PPP loans based on their aggregated size of around 16,000 employees nationwide.

In our letter on May 22, 2020, we noted that PPFA affiliates applied for more than $80 million in PPP loans. Additionally, in the PPP funding data released by the SBA on July 6, 2020, on the organizations that received more than $150,000, over 40 PPFA organizations are listed as being approved for loans for as much as $151 million of the PPP dollars. These loans are intended for struggling small businesses, and PPFA clearly exceeds the affiliation rules and size standards.

We are encouraged by SBA's letter dated May 19, 2020, to PPFA's affiliate, Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, Inc., in which SBA has notified the organization that it is ineligible for these PPP funds. We wholeheartedly support the decision to block funding to this PPFA affiliate, but we also encourage the SBA to apply the same standards to all PPFA affiliates.

We have yet to receive responses from our previous letters, and we respectfully request to be informed whether the PPP funds approved for PPFA affiliates have, in fact, been disbursed, per the list released on July 6, 2020. We also request an update on if the SBA has already asked for these funds to be returned and if and when the SBA has or will receive the returned funds. Further discussions taking place in the House and Senate to continue funding PPP creates a sense of urgency for these discrepancies to be addressed and clarified quickly. As the SBA takes these important steps, we look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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