President Trump's recent executive actions fail to provide needed relief from the pandemic and recession and instead create confusion and uncertainty. The Trump Administration and Congress must go back to the negotiating table and work to pass a relief package that meets the needs of people in our state.

This crisis is the biggest of our lifetimes, and the President's executive actions completely leave out many of the most immediate challenges facing West Virginia families and our state and local governments. Only Congress can pass a package that is comprehensive enough to address this unprecented crisis. Here's what the President's actions leave out and where they fall far short:

#### **Health Care**



The Reality: An estimated 130,000 West Virginians have lost employer-based health coverage since the crisis began and about two-thirds or 82,000 of them are eligible for Medicaid. Without an additional FMAP increase in the next relief package, state Medicaid programs will be at risk of facing cuts right when the program is needed the most.

#### **Cash Assistance**



The Reality: The House-passed
HEROES Act would provide \$1,200 per
adult plus \$1,200 per dependent.

## **Food Security**



The Reality: Food insecurity is spiking in West Virginia. The House-passed HEROES Act includes a 15% increase in maximum SNAP benefits, which would send an additional \$8 million in SNAP benefits to West Virginia families each month to help close food security gaps.

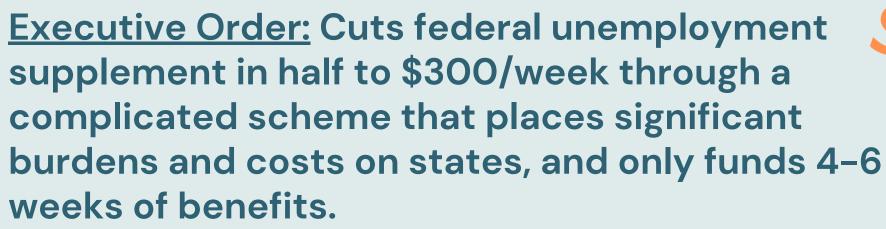
### Housing



Executive Order: Takes no official stance on extending eviction moratorium or providing rental assistance. Defers to HHS and CDC to decide what measures to implement.

The Reality: In July over 30% of West Virginian adults either missed the previous month's rent or mortgage payment, or have slight or no confidence that their household can pay next month's rent or mortgage on time. Without a real eviction moratorium and rental assistance in place, thousands are at risk of becoming unhoused.

### **Unemployment Provisions**



The Reality: Unemployment in West Virginia is at record levels.

Reducing the unemployment insurance supplement through a complicated scheme that places huge burdens and costs on states is not the path forward. Further, it doesn't provide any certainty to West Virginia families or bring enough economic activity to our state to address our state and local economic crises.

# K-12 Education and Childcare



The Reality: The School Superintendents Association estimated that complying with CDC recommendations could cost schools an additional \$490 per student, amounting to a total of \$1.8 million per school district.

56% of child care slots in West Virginia are at risk of being lost due to this crisis without federal support.

# State & Local Fiscal Aid



The Reality: States are facing a collective \$555
billion budget shortfall through FY2022, and that
doesn't include the crises in cities and counties.
The CARES Act allocated \$150 billion to states,
leaving a gap of \$400 billion. City and state
budgets fund public services, health care, and
provide critical jobs. Failing to provide additional
relief for state and local governments will only
prolong our recession and worsen the harms faced
by West Virginia families.

