

# Town of Franklin

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## OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

October 26, 2020

US Senator Elizabeth Warren  
309 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

US Senator Ed Markey  
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Congressman Joseph Kennedy III  
304 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20515

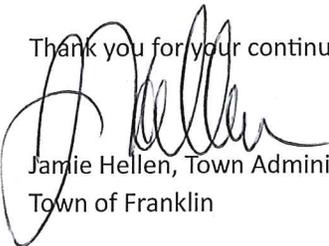
Dear Senator Warren, Senator Markey & Congressman Kennedy:

We write to thank you for your work to date to aid the Commonwealth during the COVID-19 crisis, notably the financial support through the federal CARES Act. These resources have been a lifeline for our community.

We take this opportunity to ask for future congressional action to extend the December 30, 2020 deadline for CARES Act expenditures and reporting. As we continue to navigate the many devastating public health and economic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, these challenges will continue far beyond the end of the 2020 calendar year. As you continue to advocate on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and your constituents, we ask you to push *very hard* in the coming months to extend the CARES Act reporting deadline beyond December 30, 2020. A pandemic such as this knows no boundaries or deadlines. Given the supply chain issues we are having for plexiglass, PPE and many other supplies, it's critical we are allowed to spend CARES Act resources past December 30th, 2020. We anticipate global supply chains of goods will increase as the country and world continue to struggle to contain the spread of the virus.

Extending the CARES Act December 30, 2020 deadline would allow for municipalities throughout the Commonwealth to complete larger COVID related improvements to their current infrastructure. The Town of Franklin is currently installing UV lighting in all municipal and school building's HVAC systems. A UV Lighting retrofit in HVAC systems will help to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and many other viruses by killing the virus as it is circulated through the heating and cooling systems. Due to supply chain problems many projects have been delayed and their estimated completion dates extend beyond the December 30th deadline. These projects are necessary to ensure that municipal staff, students, teachers and citizens have the safest possible working environment to return to.

Thank you for your continued advocacy on our behalf.

  
Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator  
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Dr. Sara Ahern, Superintendent of Schools  
Franklin Public Schools

CC: Senate President Karen Spilka  
Senator Rebecca Rausch  
Representative Jeffrey Roy  
Franklin Town Council  
Franklin School Committee  
Franklin Finance Committee