



American Medical Women's Association  
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Dear Senator [Last name] or Dear Representative [Last name],

The American Medical Women's Association represents women physicians and future physicians from many specialties across the country. We are on the front lines of fighting COVID-19 and keeping our nation healthy. With the gaps in COVID-19 testing, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is especially needed and not just in the hard hit areas of the country.

**I ask you, as my representative, to urge the federal government to mass produce PPE to protect healthcare workers.**

A shortage of PPE will lead to increased spread of the virus and a shortage of health care workers as we quarantine while waiting results. While we appreciate the community response to make cloth masks, we recognize that these makeshift methods are inadequate. Cloth masks may help prevent large droplets from reaching the wearer but they do not stop the small viral particles from getting through. They are meant only to wear OVER an N95 mask to increase the mask's usefulness.

When healthcare workers become ill, we are unable to care for others and further infect our families and communities.

Urge our Federal Government to mass produce PPE and help protect us all!

Respectfully,

Include name and address [important to include address to confirm that you are a constituent].

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