

CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY BRINDISI

Serving NY-22 Through The COVID-19 Pandemic

5 COVID-19 relief bills signed into law
9 virtual town halls
479 constituent assistance cases opened
98,000 jobs saved through the Paycheck Protection Program
\$57 million for NY-22 hospitals
\$155 million in coronavirus aid for NY-22
\$650 million in Paycheck Protection Program small business loans



Legislative Actions in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Anthony helped put this bill on President Trump's desk. It included \$6.7 billion for New York's Medicaid program and \$33.7 million for local counties. Signed into law March 18, 2020.

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act: Anthony supported this bipartisan legislation to ensure workers, families, small businesses, health care workers, counties, and rural hospitals have the resources they need. The CARES Act included direct payments to millions of Americans, funds for COVID-19 testing, and aid for hospitals, farmers, and small businesses. Signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020.

Heroes Act: Anthony voted to pass the *Heroes Act* through the House on May 15, 2020. As state and local governments wilted under the economic crisis, Anthony fought to include billions in aid for state and local governments, hazard pay to essential workers, relief for rural hospitals and small businesses, and more money in the pockets of Upstate New Yorkers.

Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act: With small business hurting, Anthony took action. He heard from business owners that the Paycheck Protection Program was too complicated, so he worked with Democrats and Republicans to cut red tape and reduce the restrictions on the relief. He was an original co-sponsor of the *PPP Flexibility Act*, which was signed into law on June 5, 2020.

Working With Both Parties To Hold China Accountable & Provide Upstate-Driven Solutions

Access for Rural Communities Act: would cut bureaucratic red tape for rural hospitals in Upstate NY and help them keep their doors open through the coronavirus crisis. This bipartisan legislation passed the House in the *Heroes Act*.

Made in America Emergency Preparedness Act: would require critical pandemic supplies to be made in America and would establish a National Commission on U.S. Preparedness for National Emergencies to ensure our country is ready for future crises. This legislation was endorsed by the Problem Solvers Caucus, a bipartisan group of lawmakers who work together to find solutions for our country's most urgent problems.

Paycheck Protection for Producers Act: would expand access to Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans for farmers and ranchers. Giving farmers and ranchers access to PPP loans would allow them to keep employees on payroll and cover other business related expenses, helping them weather the economic damages caused by COVID-19. This legislation would build on Anthony's work to expand Emergency Injury Disaster Loans to farms with fewer than 500 employees, like many of NY-22's family farms. His EIDL fix was signed into law by President Trump on April 24, 2020.

TIMELINE OF REP. BRINDISI'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

February 2020 - Anthony signed a letter by 35 freshmen representatives to congressional leadership asking for more funding to prepare state and local governments to address coronavirus.

March 1, 2020 - First COVID-19 case confirmed in New York State.

March 3, 2020 - Anthony visited the White House Situation Room with Vice President Mike Pence and a small group of Democratic and Republican lawmakers to discuss the importance of a swift, bipartisan response to the growing threat of coronavirus.

March 6, 2020 - Anthony held a coronavirus roundtable in Utica, joined by Upstate medical experts and local officials. The group outlined the federal and local preparedness plans and response to the disease.

March 18, 2020 - Anthony and Rep. John Katko (NY-24) led members of New York's Congressional Delegation in urging the Administration to support the Major Disaster Declaration requested by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. President Trump approved the declaration for New York shortly after Anthony's bipartisan call.

March 20, 2020 - Anthony joined a letter to President Trump supporting his decision to invoke the Defense Production Act and asking him to immediately use these authorities to mobilize necessary resources and expand the production of ventilators, PPE, and other essential medical resources.

April 2, 2020 - Anthony joined Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-19) and Rep. Josh Harder (CA-10), to lead a bipartisan letter of more than 85 members urging the Small Business Administration to ensure small farms can access immediate COVID-19 relief through the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program under the CARES Act.

April 9, 2020 - Anthony hosted a small business webinar with the Small Business Administration to help local small business owners navigate SBA's coronavirus relief programs.

April 9, 2020 - Anthony joined Rep. Katko to urge congressional leaders to include their bipartisan, bicameral Seeding Rural Resilience Act in upcoming coronavirus relief legislation.

April 21, 2020 - Anthony visited the HHS-funded drive-thru coronavirus testing site at the Rite Aid in New Hartford, NY. This was the first HHS-funded testing site in the region, and can perform up to 400 coronavirus tests per day.

April 24, 2020 - Anthony outlined his plan to hold the SBA accountable and make sure PPP and other coronavirus relief reaches Main Street businesses instead of going to large corporations. New York State originally received the second lowest percentage of funding from the Paycheck Protection Program, despite being the state hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic.

May 4, 2020 - Anthony organized and led a bipartisan group of local lawmakers across NY-22 to highlight the importance of including state and local aid in the next coronavirus relief bill. Almost every local representative in NY-22 signed onto the letter to House and Senate leaders. Lack of state and local funding in any future coronavirus relief legislation would force state and local governments to make cuts to education, public safety, and hospitals.

May 29, 2020 - Anthony, a member of the House Blue Dogs Coalition, joined a bipartisan letter urging House leadership to investigate the United States' response to the coronavirus crisis, assess any potential missteps of the Chinese government at the onset of the pandemic, and address the United States' over-reliance on China for essential emergency equipment.

June 15, 2020 - After hearing alarming stories from constituents who threw out their Economic Impact Payment debit cards because they looked like junk mail, Anthony called on the IRS and Treasury Department to improve their process and ensure every eligible American receives the payment they are due.