

MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENT  
 THROUGH NSA, COS, COVID-19 TASK FORCE  
 RE: REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

There is an increasing probability of a full-blown COVID-19 pandemic that could infect as many as 100 million Americans, with a loss of life of as many as 1-2 million souls.

To minimize economic and social disruption and loss of life, there is an urgent need for an immediate supplemental appropriation of at least \$3.0 billion dollars to support efforts at prevention, treatment, inoculation, and diagnostics.

This is NOT a time for penny-pinching or horse trading on the Hill. Uncertainties associated with developing a vaccine and viable treatment options should NOT slow down investments in these high risk, high reward ventures.

In this Administration, we take appropriate risks to protect the public. We move in Trump Time to solve problems. We always skate to where the puck might be – in this case a full-blown pandemic.

We CAN develop a vaccine and treatment therapeutics in half the usual time. We MUST get appropriate protective gear and point of care diagnostics.

Any member of the Task Force who wants to be cautious about appropriating funds for a crisis that could inflict trillions of dollars in economic damage and take millions of lives has come to the wrong administration. Here's what we need when our representatives from HHS and OMB go to the Hill this week to ask for funds – and it's a conservative estimate.

**Table 1. Supplemental Appropriation Needed**

	Millions	
Personal Protective Equipment	\$618	Facemasks, Gloves, Goggles, Tyvek Suits, Ventilator Circuits, Positive Air Pressure Respirators
Treatment Therapeutics	\$528	Intravenous ( <u>Remdesivir</u> ), Oral, Monoclonal Antibodies
Vaccine Development	\$1,600	A 4-5 Company "Horse Race"
Diagnostics	\$280	Point of Care and Large Lab
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3.0 Billion</b>	