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**Colorado’s Working Families Left Waiting For COVID Relief, As  
GOP Tries to Shield Employers from Liability**

*Local 7 Reacts To Congressional Delay in Passing COVID-19 Relief to  
Colorado’s Working Families, Instead Putting Corporate Interests Over  
Constituent’s Lives*

**DENVER** – A Congressional [stalemate](#) over the next COVID-19 package details continues in Washington D.C., with Republicans pushing for robust liability protection for businesses, schools, and nonprofits to operate.

**Kim Cordova, President of UFCW Local 7, which has more than 25,000 members, the majority of whom are Essential Workers in health care, grocery and meat processing, in Colorado and Wyoming, issued the following statement:**

“Essential Workers have been risking their lives at work for more than nine months to keep America fed, patients taken care of, and the country running. Unfortunately, too many face hardships while they provide for the rest of us, such as working without proper PPE, access to accurate testing, paid sick leave or fair compensation, and with schools closed, no childcare.

“Instead of prioritizing worker safety as well as providing relief to millions of Americans, Republicans in Washington continue to delay because they care more about their donations from Big Corporations than the people who elected them. With Americans getting infected and dying everyday at the current rate, this conduct is unconscionable.

“By providing liability protection to employers from COVID-19 related lawsuits, already relaxed COVID-19 guidelines meant to protect workers will be pointless since there will be no legal repercussions for not providing a safe workplace, leaving workers left to fend for themselves during the worst public health crises in our lifetime. Our members, all Essential Workers, and all Americans, deserve better. Congress must support America’s workforce and ensure that all Americans can exercise their constitutional right to hold companies responsible if they have failed to mitigate the spread of the virus in their facilities.”

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*[Local 7](#), the largest Union in Colorado, is affiliated with United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, which represents over 1.3 million workers in the United States and Canada, and is one of the largest private-sector Unions in North America. UFCW members work in a wide range of industries, including retail food, food processing, agriculture, retail sales, and health care.*

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