



# Congressman Tom Suozzi on the COVID-19 Crisis

As a former Mayor and County Executive, Tom understands the pressures that our local communities are facing right now, and he will always fight them until we receive our fair share.

*"Our world has turned upside down. But throughout our nation's history, the resilience and spirit of Americans in times of hardship have been proven over and over again. We will come out on the other side of this. I will never stop fighting for Long Island, Queens and New York."*

## In Washington, DC

- Traveled to DC several times during the quarantine period to ensure passage of four bills which included trillions in direct relief for individuals, expanded unemployment insurance, small business loans, aid to our hospitals and frontline healthcare heroes, testing, and much more.
- Has made fighting for New York and Long Island his first and foremost priority. Successfully led initiatives with the entire New York delegation which has already resulted in billions of dollars in aid for our state, our hospitals, and our healthcare heroes.
- Successfully convinced the Federal Reserve to allow counties (Nassau and Suffolk) to access hundreds of millions of dollars in low interest federal relief lending.
- Continues to fight for New York State and our local municipalities until we receive our fair share of federal aid.
- As the only New York Democrat named to the White House's Opening Up America Again Congressional Group, Suozzi has emphasized the need for more testing and contact tracing.
- Has personally made it clear to the President and Congressional Leaders, that New York is the epicenter of this Pandemic and deserves special attention as a part of the federal government's COVID-19 response and that any re-opening should be based on science and the advice of health experts.
- Successfully built a bipartisan coalition of more than 100 members of Congress calling for the state and local tax (SALT) cap to be repealed.

## Across the District

- Helped secure and personally deliver thousands of pieces of gowns, masks, gloves, and other PPE directly to frontline healthcare heroes and vulnerable populations.
- Led the entire bipartisan Long Island delegation in holding the big banks accountable and ensuring that every small business and "mom and pop" shops have access to small business loans and grants, regardless of size.
- Held a telephone town hall for over 300 small business owners with experts, to answer their questions and concerns regarding PPP and other loan programs.
- Kept constituents updated on the latest news regarding the pandemic, sending messages and hosting town halls to keep more than 100,000 NY-03 residents up to date on best practices, the latest federal action, and resources that are available to constituents
- Invited health experts to a telephone town hall in early March, just as the pandemic was beginning, to provide advice and best practices to stay safe and healthy.