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Senior members of the House Financial Services Committee are concerned with the economic effects that the spread of the virus may have on U.S. and global economy.

Several senior members of the House Financial Services Committee have written to Trump Administration officials and regulators seeking an [impact report and response plan](#) for battling the possible economic ramifications an outbreak of coronavirus may have on the American public. Reps. Emanuel Cleaver, II (D-Mo), Chair of the Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, Financial Services Subcommittee Chairmen Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.), Al Green (D-Texas), and Wm. Lacy Clay (D-Mo) penned the [letter](#) to the Acting Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, Jerome Powell, Chair of the Federal Reserve Board, and Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury Department. The representatives expect a response to the letter by March 13, 2020.

In their letter, the legislators wrote that according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, an outbreak in the United States will likely happen as the virus spreads throughout communities in the country. The representatives noted the spread of the virus in Italy, Iran, and South Korea and the subsequent sinking of the equity and bond markets in response to that spread. The coronavirus already had outpaced the 2014-2016 outbreak of Ebola, they wrote.

The lawmakers demanded "timely and authoritative information concerning this economic development," citing the Employment Act of 1946 which authorized the Council of Economic Advisors. The representatives expect an analysis of the impact of the virus on the domestic economy and international stability as well as a "forecast" of the virus's impact on the U.S. economy and the markets and geographies expected to be hit hardest. Finally the representatives called for information on a plan to safeguard the economy from any economic ill effects of the virus, calling such a plan "critical."

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