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David Rubenstein Interviewed CEOs on COVID-19 Pandemic

(Washington, DC, March 13, 2020) – Today, Economic Club of Washington President, David Rubenstein, interviewed six CEOs, all Economic Club members, on how their organizations or companies and their industries are managing and implementing changes to continue doing business in the current environment of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. This is the Economic Club’s second virtual event. The interviews are available on the Economic Club Website [HERE](#).

Interview Participants and Quotes:

- **Hon. Sylvia Mathews Burwell**, President, American University

“Our response at this moment, and all the steps that people are taking that feel extreme, will both do two things: they will limit the timetable... and they will limit how bad it gets in terms of numbers of cases.”

- **Dr. David Skorton**, President and CEO, Association of American Medical Colleges

“I believe we’re going to get a lot more cases. I would hope our President declares a national emergency for the United States.”

- **Jo Ann Jenkins**, Chief Executive Officer, AARP

“This is the moment I think AARP has been built for. We have state offices all around the country. We are constantly engaged with putting out information”.

- **Peter Scher**, Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Region & Head of Corporate Responsibility, JPMorgan Chase & Co.

“This is not a financial crisis. The banks are in very good shape.”

- **Roger Krone**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Leidos

“We’re a people company, more than a product company. So the health and well-being of our employees is paramount.”

- **Matt Kelly**, CEO, JBG SMITH

“I think it’s safe to say that most buyers in the market these days will probably pause to assess “how bad is this going to get? And will there be better buying opportunities later?””

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