

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader, United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker, United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 4, 2021

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Speaker Pelosi:

We are writing to urge you to take immediate action to protect the inclusion of the 2.2 million U.S. citizen and lawfully present children currently included in the COVID-19 recovery provisions of the fiscal year 2021 Congressional budget reconciliation bill and to include ALL taxpayers, including those in immigrant families in COVID-19 relief. We also urge you to reject anti-immigrant amendments such as Senator Todd Young's Amendment 54, which was introduced as part of the last budget resolution.

The original Young Amendment was written in such a way that it denied Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) to U.S. citizens as well as their immigrant family members. This amendment was a purely political "poison pill" that would have done nothing to change who received stimulus payments, since undocumented immigrants were never included in the previous two relief packages. Senator Young is expected to introduce another similar amendment to the current package, threatening to harm both U.S. citizen and immigrant children and families. We must reject this attack on our nation's ability to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

If our nation wants to recover from this economic and public health crisis, we must ensure that everyone is included in relief and recovery programs. Past relief legislation barred millions of immigrant taxpayers and their U.S. citizen family members from receiving critically-needed support, even though immigrants were disproportionately working essential jobs on the frontline pandemic response and experiencing higher levels of mortality due to COVID-19. In order for all of us to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone needs to be included in relief and recovery efforts.

Congress has excluded millions of immigrant and citizen taxpayers in the previous two rounds of stimulus payments through the CARES Act back in March and through H.R. 133 in December. The first round of CARES Act EIPs excluded 5.1 million mixed-status families if both spouses on the return did not have a work-authorized Social Security Number (SSN) and also excluded 9.3 million taxpayers who file taxes with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). The second round of EIPs included a partial fix introduced by Senator Rubio for 3 million citizens and SSN spouses married to immigrants, but still excluded 2.2 million U.S. citizen children and other kids with SSNs as well as the 9.3 million ITIN filers. Those children and taxpayers still have not seen a penny of relief a year into the pandemic.

To fully address this public health crisis and the economic hardships that our nation is enduring, we must provide relief for all who have contributed to the economy, suffered from the public health impacts of the pandemic, and are devastated by this economic downturn. Stimulus payments should

cover all Americans and also include retroactive payments to those who were left out of the last two rounds of COVID relief.

Now is the time for bold leadership to address the critical needs of all our nation's families. The health, prosperity, and success of our country demand this long-overdue relief, and we urge you to pass inclusive COVID-19 legislation now to ensure that no one is left behind so that all of us can recover together.

Sincerely,

ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services)  
Adelante Mujeres  
Advocates for Children and Youth (ACY)  
Advocates for Children of NJ  
Advocating Opportunity  
Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice  
Alianza Americas  
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas  
All Our Kin  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Federation of Teachers  
Appleseed Foundation  
Arizona Center for Economic Progress  
Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families  
Arkansas United  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC  
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence  
Asian Resources, Inc  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
Bread for the World  
California Immigrant Policy Center  
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence  
Casa Central Social Services Corporation  
Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey  
Center for Farmworker Families  
Center for Law and Social Policy  
Center for LGBTQ Economic Advancement & Research  
Center for Popular Democracy  
Center for the Study of Social Policy  
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN DC)  
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN-LA)  
Central American Resource Center of Northern (CA -CARECEN SF)  
Centro Hispano de East Tennessee  
Children at Risk  
Children's Action Alliance  
Children's Advocacy Alliance

Children's Advocacy Institute  
Children's Defense Fund  
Children's HealthWatch  
Church World Service  
City of Watsonville  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Colorado Children's Campaign  
Colorado Latino Leadership Advocacy and Research Organization -CLLARO  
Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc.  
Comunidades Unidas / Communities United "CU"  
CRLA Foundation  
DC Dorothy Day Catholic Worker  
Democracy For All Florida/LCVEF  
Dream Resource Program, Cabrillo College  
Early Childhood Education Center- San Francisco State University  
Economic Security Project Action  
Every Texan  
Family Equality  
Farmworker Association of Florida  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Florida Health Justice Project  
Food Research & Action Center  
Freedom Network USA  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Futures Without Violence  
Haitian Bridge Alliance  
Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!  
Hispanic Federation  
Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama  
Hispanic Services Council  
Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.  
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas  
ICNA CSJ  
Ignatian Solidarity Network  
Immigration Hub  
Immigration Ministry at Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano  
Indivisible  
Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice  
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Justice for Migrant Women  
Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice  
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)  
KIPP  
L.A. Coalition for Excellent Public Schools  
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement  
Latin American Community Center  
Latino Community Center  
Latino Policy Forum

Leadership Conference of Women Religious  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank  
LULAC  
LULAC Council #7258  
LULAC Florida  
Maine Children's Alliance  
Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care  
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition  
MCCOY (Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc.)  
Mexican American Unity Council, Inc.  
Mi Familia Vota  
MomsRising/MamásConPoder  
Monarch Services of Santa Cruz County  
NASFLA (North American Systemic Functional Linguistics Association)  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)  
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Education Association  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association  
National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights  
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
National Women's Law Center  
NC Child  
Nebraska Appleseed  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Next100  
NM Voices for Children  
Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy  
Our Children Oregon  
Oxfam America  
Pajaro Valley Rapid Response  
Pajaro Valley Unified School District  
Parent Voices CA  
Partnership for America's Children  
PASOs  
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
People's Action  
Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness  
Prevention Institute  
Promesa Boyle Heights  
Promise Arizona  
Prosperity Now

Public Citizens for Children for Youth  
RAICES  
RESULTS  
RESULTS DC/MD  
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT  
Salvadoran American Leadership and Educational Fund  
Santa Cruz Welcoming Network  
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center  
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy  
Share Our Strength  
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team  
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)  
State Voices Florida  
Texans Care for Children  
The Children's Agenda  
The Children's Campaign  
The Children's Partnership  
The Coelho Center for Disability Law, Policy and Innovation  
The Common Ground Project  
The Workers Circle  
Treatment Action Group  
UndocuBlack Network  
UnidosUS  
UnidosUS Action Fund  
Unimex  
Union for Reform Judaism  
United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries  
United We Dream  
Universal Income Project  
Voices for Utah Children  
Voices for Vermont's Children  
Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP  
We Are All America  
Welcoming Network  
Yes  
ZERO TO THREE