The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker, United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer Minority Leader, United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

March 20, 2020

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader Schumer,

We are writing to urge you to address two major provisions of the proposed COVID-19 relief bill that will exclude millions of immigrant families, including U.S. citizen children. We cannot protect the nation from the Coronavirus and its economic impact if we deny health care and financial relief to a large segment of our communities. The virus and its effects do not discriminate based on immigration status, and neither should relief efforts. Immigrants are front-line workers leading the response to the pandemic in the arenas such as public health, agriculture, food preparation and delivery, and cleaning and maintenance. Moreover, effective public health responses require attention to all community members, as a pandemic response that excludes any members of our communities will weaken its effectiveness. None of us can be healthy if any of us is denied access to testing and care.

As written, the bill includes two provisions that require urgent fixes for immigrant communities affected by this public health and economic crisis. A core provision of Congress' plan to provide free COVID-19 testing to "everybody" would leave out millions of low- and moderate-income immigrants, and the tax rebate proposal currently excludes mixed-status families and ITIN tax filers.

## **HEALTH CARE EXCLUSION**

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act's Medicaid state option for the uninsured excludes some green card holders and many other people who are lawfully residing in the US. Federal Medicaid is available only to certain a subset of immigrants who have had a "qualified" immigration status for five years, "humanitarian" immigrants, military/veterans and their families, and in some states, lawfully residing children and/or pregnant women. Many lawfully residing immigrants -- including people granted DACA, most lawful permanent residents during their first five years in that status, survivors of crime granted U visas, people from certain Pacific Island nations, and people with TPS--along with those without status, are ineligible for federal Medicaid.

SOLUTION: Revise section: Emergency Medicaid for Suspected COVID-19 Infections

Ensure that during this public health emergency, testing and treatment of health conditions is provided by Medicaid for all who need it, regardless of their immigration status.

## TAX REBATE EXCLUSION

The proposed bill leaves out tax filers who have worked and earned income like other taxpayers covered by this bill by excluding households whose tax returns include taxpayers or children who file with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). These families include U.S. citizen children and spouses who are also harmed by the COVID-1 crisis. This exclusion of mixed-status families and individual ITIN filers is both deeply unfair and will exclude families hardest hit by this emergency. It could also make it more difficult to ensure that families can shelter in place, to protect public health.

To fully address this crisis and the economic hardships that people will endure, we need to treat all workers who have contributed to the economy and are also devastated by this economic downturn.

SOLUTION: Amend Relief for Individuals, Families, and Businesses Title I: Rebates and Other Individual Provisions

Ensure that all persons who file taxes with a Social Security Number or other individual taxpayer number as defined under 26 U.S.C. 6109 can apply for the rebate.

Thank you for your leadership in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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African Communities Together

African Services Committee

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Alameda Health Consortium

Aldea - The People's Justice Center

Alianza Americas

Alianza Nacional de Campesinas

AltaMed Health Services

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American Civil Liberties Union

American Council of the Blind

American Federation of Teachers

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Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

Asian Pacific Islander Coalition - Spokane Chapter

Asian Pacific Islander Coalition of Washington

Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA)

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BlackLine

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Buen Vecino

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California Coverage & Health Initiatives

California Immigrant Policy Center

California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance

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California Partnership

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Center for Disability Rights

Center for Employment Training

Center for Health Progress

Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Center for Popular Democracy

Center for Public Policy Priorities

Center for Safety and Change

Center for Victims of Torture

Central American Legal Assistance

Central American Resource Center - of California

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN SF)

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN-LA)

Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative (CVIIC)

Central Valley Partnership

Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indigena Oaxaqueño

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.

Centro Legal de la Raza

Centro Savila

Chan Law Firm

Chapman Law Firm

Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy

Child Labor Coalition

Children Now

Children's Defense Fund

Children's Defense Fund - New York

Children's Defense Fund of Texas

Children's HealthWatch

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Chinese Progressive Association

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Circulo Hispanoamericano de Charleston

Citizen Action of New York

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York

Civil Rights for Persons with Disabilities Legal Clinic

CLEAN Carwash Campaign

Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice

Cleveland Jobs with Justice

Coachella Valley Immigrant Dignity Coalition

Coalition for Asian American Children and Families

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Coalition on Human Needs

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Colorado Fiscal Institute

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

Colorado Latino Leadership Advocacy and Research Organization / CLLARO

Columbia Law School Immigrants' Rights Clinic

Columbia Legal Services

Committee of Interns and Residents/SEIU

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Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc.

Community Catalyst

Community Change Action

Community Clinic Association of LA County

Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education

Community Health Network of Washington

Community Health Plan of Washington

Community Health Partnership of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties

Community Justice Exchange

Community Justice Project

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto

Community Legal Services of Philadelphia

Community Refugee & Immigration Services

Community Service Society of New York

Concerned Citizens of Tillery

Conference of Major Superiors of Men

Congregation Action Network

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.

CT Students for a DREAM

CURE (Clean Up the River Environment)

CWA / WashTech Local 37083

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Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries

**Ditmas Civic** 

**Doctors for Camp Closure** 

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Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa

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Enlace Comunitario

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**Equal Rights Advocates** 

**Equality California** 

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Farmworker Justice

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First 5 LA

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First Focus Campaign for Children

First Friends of NJ & NY

Florida Council Against Sexual Violence

Florida Immigrant Coalition

Florida Institute for Community Studies (FICS)

Florida Institute on Research and Education (FIRE)

Florida Legal Services, Inc.

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Fort Collins Community Action Network

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Freedom Network USA

Fresno Barrios Unidos

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Friends of Human Rights

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**HealthPoint** 

Her Justice

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Hispanic Federation

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

Hispanics in Philanthropy

Hmong American Partnership

**Hmong National Development** 

Hope 4 Humanity, A Ministry of the Church at Spring Forest

Horry County Democratic Party

Human Rights Advocates International (HRAI)

**Human Rights First** 

Human Rights Initiative of North Texas

**Human Rights Watch** 

Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence

IL Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Illinois Coalition for Immigrants and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)

Immigrant & Non-Citizen Rights Clinic - CUNY Law School

Immigrant Defenders Law Center

**Immigrant Defense Advocates** 

**Immigrant Defense Project** 

Immigrant Justice Clinic, University of Arizona College of Law

**Immigrant Justice Corps** 

Immigrant Justice Idaho

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

Immigrant Legal Defense

Immigrant Legal Resource Center

Immigrant Rights Clinic at NYU School of Law

Immigration Advocacy & Research Group, Inc.

Immigration Center for Women and Children

**Immigration Hub** 

**Immigration Task Force** 

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Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley

Indivisible

Indivisible Charlottesville

Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice

InnerCity Struggle

Institute for Community Health

Institute for Women's Policy Research

Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity

**International Community Health Services** 

International Human Rights Law Clinic, American University, Washington College of Law

International Institute of New England

Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Iowa Policy Project

Iowa UMC Conference Board of Church and Society

ISLA: Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy

Islamic Society of Baltimore (ISB)

Japanese American Citizens League

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Jewish Community Action

Jewish Council for Public Affairs

JFON Houston

Jobs With Justice

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Justice at Work

Justice at Work (Pennsylvania)

Justice For All

Justice for Migrant Families WNY

Justice for Migrant Women

Justice for Our Neighbors Houston

Justice for Our Neighbors-Michigan

Justice in Aging

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Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Kentucky Equal Justice Center

Kids Forward

Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center

KIWA (Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance)

Korean Community Center of the East Bay

Korean Resource Center (KRC)

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Latin America Working Group

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Legal Aid at Work

Legal Aid Justice Center

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Legal Link

Lights for Liberty

Lila LGBTQ Inc.

Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition

Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice

Los Angeles LGBT Center

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Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault (MESA)

Muslim American Society-Public Affairs and Civic Engagement

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Myrtle Beach Immigration Law Office

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National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)

National CAPACD - Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development

National Center for Law and Economic Justice

National Center for Lesbian Rights

National Center for Transgender Equality

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

National Coalition of Latinx with Disabilities

National Consumers League

National Council of Asian Pacific Americans

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National Domestic Violence Hotline

National Domestic Workers Alliance

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National Family Farm Coalition

National Health Law Program

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National Immigration Law Center

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National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

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National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund

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National Network to End Domestic Violence

National Partnership for New Americans

National Partnership for Women & Families

National Skills Coalition

National TPS Alliance

National WIC Association

National Women's Law Center

National Young Farmers Coalition

Navigate/Unidos MN

NC Coaltion Against Sexual Assault

Nebraska Appleseed

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

Neighborcare Health

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Never Again Action - Los Angeles

New American Economy

New Haven Legal Assistance Association

New Mexico Immigration Law Center

New Sanctuary Coalition NYC

New York Immigration Coalition

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New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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North East Medical Services

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Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation

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Safe Harbor Law, LLC

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San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium

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School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County

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South Asian Americans Leading Together

South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center

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Texas Organizing Project

The Advocates for Human Rights

The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

The Buddhist Council of New York

The Cal-Pac Conference of the United Methodist Church

The Children's Partnership

The Community Law Office

The Economic Progress Institute

The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project

The French Church du Saint Esprit

The Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center

The Children's Partnership

The Daniel Initiative Set Project

The Greenlining Institute

The Interfaith Center of New York

The International Rescue Committee

The Korean American Family Service Center

The Legal Aid Society

The Legal Project

The New York Board of Rabbis

The Second Step, Steps to Justice Legal Office

The Sikh Coalition

The Tiyya Foundation

The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society

The Women's Law Center of Maryland

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Union Theological Seminary

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

**UNITE HERE** 

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United We Dream

Unity Health Care

University of Maryland Carey Immigration Clinic

University of Maryland Carey School of Law Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic

University of Maryland Environmental Law Clinic

University of Maryland School of Law Criminal Defense Clinic

University of Maryland, Carey School of Law Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

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Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

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Voices for Utah Children

Wage Justice Center

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Washington State Budget & Policy Center

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Welcome Back Initiative

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Wilkes Legal, LLC

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Wilson Immigration

Win (formerly Women in Need)

Wind of the Spirit

Womankind

Women of Color Network, Inc.

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Worker Justice Center of New York

Working Partnerships USA

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World Education Services

World Education, Inc.

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Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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Young Democrats of America (YDA) Hispanic Caucus

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Young Democrats of America Immigration Working Group

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