July 28, 2020

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, and Leader McCarthy:

We are writing to urge you to address the example inclusion of immigrant families, workers, taxpayers, and their U.S. children and spouses, from the CARES Act and other COVID-19 recovery packages passed by Congress in the next pandemic relief legislation. Immigrants have been left out of every relief package so far, even though they are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and are risking their health and safety as essential workers during the pandemic. We cannot let immigrants be excluded from relief again. If our nation wants to recover from this economic and public health crisis, we must ensure that everyone is included.

It is crucial that the next coronavirus relief package passed out of Congress includes provisions to include immigrant families who have been left out of previous bills. We cannot protect the nation from the virus and its economic impacts if we deny health care and financial relief to a large segment of our communities. Immigrants are essential workers responding to the pandemic in the arenas of public health, agriculture, food preparation and delivery, and cleaning and maintenance. 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 one of us is denied access to testing, care, and economic relief.

**INCLUDE IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR CITIZEN FAMILY MEMBERS IN STIMULUS**

The CARES Act left out U.S. citizen and immigrant taxpayers who have worked and earned income like any other taxpayers 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-19 crisis. The exclusion of mixed-status families and individual ITIN filers from relief legislation is both deeply unfair and has excluded families hardest hit by this emergency. This unfair exclusion also places a greater burden on immigrant workers or their family members who may need to stay home to protect public health or care for sick family members.

To fully address this crisis and the economic hardships that people are enduring, we must provide relief for all who have contributed to the economy and are devastated by this economic downturn.
ENSURING THAT EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO TESTING AND TREATMENT FOR COVID-19

Full scope federal Medicaid is available only to a certain 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 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, most Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) during their first five years in that status, survivors of crime granted U visas, people from certain Pacific Island nations, and people with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)—along with those without status, are ineligible for federal Medicaid except for emergency services.

SOLUTION: Clarify that uninsured immigrants with low incomes in all states can receive COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccines for COVID-19 through Medicaid.

PROTECTING DACA, TPS, AND OTHER WORK AUTHORIZED IMMIGRANTS

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought further uncertainty and instability to immigrants with temporary work authorization, including individuals with DACA and TPS who are under threat by the Trump administration. Recipients of DACA and TPS are facing increased challenges in renewing their protected status and work authorization as a result of USCIS office closures, delays, and overall ability to pay filing and application-related fees at a time of financial hardship. While the Supreme Court recently ruled that DACA was unlawfully terminated, the administration has signaled that they will once again attempt to rescind DACA. TPS communities continue to challenge the termination of TPS, including through the awaited decision in *Ramos v. Nielsen* affecting the availability of TPS for hundreds of thousands of people.

Individuals with DACA, TPS, and other work-authorized immigrants are often working at the frontlines of this pandemic as essential workers and should not face the added uncertainty of losing their protection from deportation and work authorization in the middle of a global pandemic and economic recession.

SOLUTION: Include language from Section 191201 of the HEROES Act passed by the House that automatically extends the work authorization and underlying status of work-authorized immigrants, including DACA and TPS holders for at least the original time period granted to the individual.

Thank you for your leadership in these challenging times.

Sincerely,
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1,000 Days
A Better Balance
AACI
Abolish ICE denver
ACCESS
ACLU of NY
ACLU People Power Fairfax
Action Center on Race and the Economy
Action NC
Adelante Alabama Worker Center
Adhikaar
ADL (Anti-Defamation League)
Adoptees for Justice
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.
Advocates for Youth
Advocating Opportunity
African Communities Together
African Services Committee
AGS Immigrant Center Inc
AIDS Action Baltimore
AIDS Alabama
AIDS Foundation Chicago
Al Otro Lado
Alabama Justice Initiative
Alabama State Association of Cooperatives
Alameda Health Consortium
Aldea - The People's Justice Center
Alianza Americas
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
All Under One Roof LGBT Advocates of Southeastern Idaho
Altamed Health Services
America’s Voice
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association of People with Disabilities
American Civil Liberties Union
American Council of the Blind
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
American Federation of Teachers
American Friends Service Committee
American GI Forum of the US
American Humanist Association
American Immigration Lawyers Association
American Muslim Health Professionals
American University Law Immigrant Justice Clinic
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
Americans for Immigrant Justice
APLA Health
Apostle Immigrant Services
Arab American Association of NY
Arab American Civic Council
Arab American Institute
Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC)
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center
Ascension Outreach, Inc.
Ascentria Care Alliance Immigration Legal Assistance Program
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian American Federation
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago
Asian Americans for Equality
Asian Community & Cultural Center
Asian Counseling and Referral Service
Asian Family Center
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)
ASISTA
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP)
AsylumWorks
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Ayuda
Baton Rouge Immigrants' Rights Coalition (BRIRC)
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Bet Tzedek Legal Services
Black AIDS Institute
Black and Pink
Black Lives Matter Hudson Valley
BlackLine
Border Crit Institute
BPSOS Center for Community Advancement
Bread for the World
Brooklyn Defender Services
BU Law Immigrants' Rights and Human Trafficking Program
Buddhist Global Relief
Buen Vecino
Building Bridges
California Association of Food Banks
California Coverage & Health Initiatives
California Immigrant Policy Center
California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
California Partnership
California Primary Care Association
California WIC Association
California Young Democrats
Cameroon American Council
Campesinos Sin Fronteras
Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights (CAIR) Coalition
Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities
Casa Latina
Casa San Jose
CASA
Cascade AIDS Project
Catalyst Miami
Catholic Migration Services
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 Representation
Center for Safety and Change
Center for Southeast Asians
Center for the Study of Social Policy
Center for Victims of Torture
Central American Legal Assistance
Denver Justice and Peace Committee (DJPC)
Desert Support for Asylum Seekers
Desiree Alliance
Detention Watch Network
Direct Action for Rights and Equality (DARE)
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
Disciples Center for Public Witness
Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries
Ditmas Civic
Doctors for Camp Closure
Dominican Development Center
Dominican Bar Association
Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa
Dorcas International Institute of RI
DOVE, Inc.
Drug Policy Alliance
Earthjustice
East Harlem Health Outreach Partnership
Economic Policy Institute
Edu-Futuro
El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos
El Concilio Family Services
El Dorado Community Health Centers
El Pueblo, Inc.
Empire Justice Center
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
Encuentro
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin
Enlace Comunitario
Entre Hermanos
Equal Justice Center
Equal Rights Advocates
Equality California
Equality Labs
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
Every Texan (formerly Center for Public Policy Priorities)
Families Belong Together
Families for Freedom
Family Service of Rhode Island
Farmworker Association of Florida
Farmworker Justice
Feminist Task Force
First 5 California
First 5 LA
First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission
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.
Food Research & Action Center
Fools Mission
Fort Collins Community Action Network
Free Migration Project
Freedom for Immigrants
Freedom Network USA
Fresno Barrios Unidos
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Friends of Human Rights
Friends of the Earth
Futures Without Violence
Gardner Health Services
Gender Violence Clinic, University of Maryland Carey School of Law
Golden Valley Health Centers
Greater Boston Legal Services
Guichard, Teng, Portillo and Garrett
Haitian Bridge Alliance
HarborCOV
Health Care for All New York
Health Care for America Now
Health Care Voter
Health Law Advocates
HealthPoint
Heartfelt Tidbits, Inc.
Her Justice
HIAS
HIPS
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
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
Iowa UMC Conference Board of Church and Society
ISLA: Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy
Islamic Society of Baltimore (ISB)
Japanese American Citizens League
Javier G. Pineda, Professional Law Corp.
JCARI-LA (Jewish Coalition Assisting Refugees and Immigrants - Los Angeles)
Jewish Community Action
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
JFON Houston
Jobs for the Future (JFF)
Jobs With Justice
Juntos
Just Futures Law
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
Justice in Motion
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)
La Raza Centro Legal
La Resistencia
LA Voice
LAANE
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
Lambda Legal
Latin America Working Group
Latino Coalition for a Healthy CA
Latino Community Fund of Washington State
Latino Farmers of the Southeast
Latino Policy Forum
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Latinos Promoting Good Health
Latinx Health Board (Washington State)
Laundry Workers Center
Law Office of Helen Lawrence
Law Office of Isela Castaneda
Law Office of Kerry E McGrath
Law Office of Stephanie Nodine, LLC
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
League of Conservation Voters
League of Women Voters of the United States
Legal Aid at Work
Legal Aid Justice Center
Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County
Legal Link
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
Libyan American Alliance
Lights for Liberty
Lila LGBTQ Inc.
Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition
Loretto Latin America/Caribbean Committee
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
Louisiana Budget Project
Lowcountry Immigration Coalition
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Lutheran Services in America
Maine Business Immigration Coalition
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
Maine Equal Justice
Make the Road New York
MALDEF
Maple City Health Care Center
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Massachusetts Jobs with Justice
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Maternal and Child Health Access
Matthew 25/Mateo 25
Meadowlark Immigration PC
Medical IMPACT
Methodist Federation for Social Action, Iowa Chapter
Metrowest Legal Services
Mexican American Legislative Caucus
Mi Familia Vota
Michigan Immigrant Rights Center
Michigan League for Public Policy
Mid-City CAN (Community Advocacy Network)
Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project
Migrant Center for Human Rights
Migrant Justice / Justicia Migrante
Mijente
Minnesota Budget Project
Mirer Mazocchi & Julien, PLLC
Mississippi Center for Justice
Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates
Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project
MomsRising
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council
Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas
Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault (MESA)
Muslim American Society-Public Affairs and Civic Engagement
Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)
Myrtle Beach Immigration Law Office
NAACP
NAKASEC Virginia
NASTAD
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders
National CAPACD - National 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 - NCAPA
National Council of Jewish Women
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Employment Lawyers Association
National Family Farm Coalition
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
National Health Law Program
National Hispanic Media Coalition
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
National Justice for Our Neighbors
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association
National Latinx Psychological Association
National Lawyers Guild - St. Mary's University School of Law
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Partnership for New Americans
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National Skills Coalition
National TPS Alliance
National WIC Association
National Women's Law Center
National Young Farmers Coalition
Navigate/Unidos MN
NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Nebraska Appleseed
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Neighborcare Health
NEO Philanthropy
Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA)
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
Never Again Action - Los Angeles
New American Economy
New Haven Legal Assistance Association
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New Mexico Immigrant Law Center
New Sanctuary Coalition NYC
New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC)
New York Justice for Our Neighbors
New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Next100
Nicaragua Center for Community Action
Niskanen Center
NMAC
North Carolina AIDS Action Network
North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT)
North Carolina Justice Center
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights (NMCIR)
Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation
Northwest Harvest
Northwest Health Law Advocates
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Northwest Philadelphia Immigrant Action and Mobilization (NWP I AM)
Northwest Regional Primary Care Association
Northwest Workers' Justice Project
Nutrition First
OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates
Occupy Bergen Center
Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project, Inc.
OneAmerica
OneJustice
Open Immigration Legal Services
Open MIC (Open Media and Information Companies Initiative)
Operation Access
Oregon Center for Public Policy
Oregon Food Bank
Our Children Oregon
Oxfam America
Pacific Islander Health Board of WA
Pacific Islander National Caucus of United Methodists
Pangea Legal Services
Para Los Niños
Pars Equality Center
Partnership for America’s Children
Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans
PASOs
PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union
Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition
People Organized for Westside Renewal
People's Parity Project - St. Mary's University School of Law Chapter
People's Parity Project
Pereira Immigration Law Group
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Poder Latinx
Polaris
Poligon Education Fund
Population Connection Action Fund
Positive Women's Network-USA
POWER-PAC IL (Parents Organized to Win, Educate and Renew - Policy Action Council)
Pre-Health Dreamers
Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
Prevention Institute
Promesa Boyle Heights
Proteus, Inc.
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
Public Counsel
Public Health Justice Collective
Public Law Center
Quinnipiac University School of Law Clinic
Quixote Center
Rapid Response Network of Monterey County
Rays of Freedom
Rays of Freedom Non Profit Org
RCHN Community Health Foundation
Reformed Church of Highland Park
Refugee & Immigrant Services Northwest
Reimagine Spokane
Reimbursement Strategies, LLC
Resilience Orange County
Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United
RESULTS
Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
Rian Immigrant Center
Rockland Immigration Coalition
Roger Williams University School of Law Immigration Clinic
Rural & Migrant Ministry
Rural Advancement Fund
Rural Coalition
Rural Development Leadership Network
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services
Safe Harbor Law, LLC
Safe Horizon
SAHI (Students against Hindutva Ideology)
Saint Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New Paltz
Saint Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York
Sakhi for South Asian Women
San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium
San Francisco-Marin Food Bank
Sanctuary DMV
Santa Fe Dreamers Project
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center
School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County
Sea Mar Community Health Centers
Seattle University School of Law Gender Violence Immigration Clinic
SEIU Colorado
SEIU- United Service Workers West
Sero Project
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network
Sex Workers Project
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)
Silver State Equality-Nevada
SIREN (Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network)
Sister Cristina Garces Guerrero, SNDdeN
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Snohomish APIC
Snohomish County
Snohomish Immigration Advocacy
Sojourners
Solid Ground Washington
Somali Family Safety Task Force
Somali Health Board (SHB)
Sound Vision Foundation
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
South Texas Human Rights Center
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Southern AIDS Coalition
Southern Poverty Law Center
Southwest Environmental Center
Southwestern Law School Removal Defense Clinic and Pro Bono Removal Defense Program
SparkAction
SPEAN Rajana
SPLC Action Fund
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
St. Bartholomew's Church, Manhattan
St. Francis Community Services
St. John’s Wilmot Episcopal Church
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Mt. Kisco, NY
St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery
Statewide Poverty Action Network (WA)
Still Waters Anti-trafficking Program
Street Level Health Project
Subcontinental Drift
SYL Foundation
T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Tahirih Justice Center
TakeRoot Justice
Taos Immigrant Allies
Tash
Task Force on the Americas
Tax March
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
Texas Organizing Project
Texas Progressive Action Network
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 Coelho Center for Disability Law, Policy and Innovation
The Daniel Initiative Set Project
The Economic Progress Institute
The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project
The Forum for Youth Investment
The French Church du Saint Esprit
The Greenlining Institute
The Immigrant Coalition of Rhode Island
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 U.S. Conference of Mayors
The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
The Women's Law Center of Maryland
The Workers Circle
TODEC Legal Center
TPS Committee of Nevada
Transformations CDC
Treatment Action Group
Tri-Cities Community Health
Trinity Church Wall Street
Trinity Las Americas UMC
Tucson SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice)
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)
U.S. People Living with HIV Caucus
UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic
UCLA School of Law, Immigrant Family Legal Clinic
Ulster Immigrant Defense Network
UMB Law & Social Work Services Program
UNAVSA
UndocuBlack Network
UndocuHealth Advocates
UndosUS
Union for Reform Judaism
Union Theological Seminary
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
UNITE HERE
United Parent Leaders Action Network (UPLAN)
United States Hispanic Leadership Institute
United States People living with HIV Caucus
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
UNO Immigration Ministry
Utahns Against Hunger
VACOLAO - Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO)
Valley View Health Center
V-Day/One Billion Rising
Violence Free Colorado
Violence Free Minnesota
Violence Intervention Program, Inc.
Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations
Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy