



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

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Dear Representative/Senator:

The undersigned organizations strongly urge you to continue the progress advanced in the last two years by supporting legislation to lift the severe caps on domestic and international discretionary spending in Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

The choice before you is stark: failure to raise the caps will mean fewer families, seniors, and people with disabilities will be able to afford housing; fewer workers will get training to qualify for jobs our economy needs; fewer children will get the education and child care they deserve; and public health and safety protections will be undermined.

Failure to raise the caps will result in sharply reduced funding for domestic and international discretionary programs (together known as “non-defense” or NDD) from \$597 billion in FY 2019 to \$543 billion in FY 2020, a \$54 billion drop, or 9 percent, not counting inflation. That, however, understates the impact, because certain programs must receive increases, including the 2020 Census and veterans’ health care services, meaning other programs will be cut even more deeply.

These new funding requirements mean that the arbitrary and harshly restrictive caps must be lifted substantially above an inflation adjustment in order to prevent the reversal of progress in meeting our nation’s needs. The House-deemed NDD funding level of \$631 billion for FY 2020, with specific Census and IRS enforcement funds outside the statutory cap, would prevent harmful cuts and build on the bipartisan progress begun in fiscal years 2018-2019. Hundreds of thousands of affordable child care placements were lost between FYs 2010 and 2018. The House appropriations total would allow substantial progress in undoing that loss, helping parents to work while their children thrive. With additional federal funding, prevention and treatment programs for substance use disorders have expanded services, which are urgently needed to stem the opioid epidemic that killed 47,000 people in 2017 alone. Inadequate funding threatens to erode this progress.

There are many other urgent needs: for K-12 and post-secondary education; housing assistance; home heating and cooling; nutrition for pregnant women, infants, young children, and seniors; veterans’ health care services; environmental safety; infrastructure rebuilding; and medical research, and child welfare protections. Between FY 2010 and FY 2019, funding for NDD programs was cut by 4.7 percent, taking inflation into account. For some programs with disproportionate impact on low-income people, the losses have been far greater: an inflation-adjusted cut of 38 percent for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); 40 percent for juvenile justice programs; nearly 19 percent for Child Welfare Services; 17 percent to the Public Housing Operating Fund; and 16-17 percent cuts to Adult and Youth job training programs.

The undersigned organizations represent human service providers, educators, faith organizations, businesspeople, physicians, research and policy experts, representing millions of people nationwide. We believe that raising the NDD caps for the next two years is both a moral imperative and essential for the security and prosperity of our nation. Allowing the existing cap to impose an 11 percent cut in NDD from FY19 to FY20, counting inflation, is simply unacceptable. And flat funding through a continuing resolution would force irresponsible cuts in benefits and services, just not as deep. We need you to fight for our future by securing at least the House NDD funding levels by lifting the statutory cap, and to do so without making cuts to vital programs such as Medicaid and SNAP.

Signed,

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Adorers of the Blood of Christ

Advocates for Better Children's Diets

Advocates for Responsible Care (ARxC)

AFL-CIO

African American Health Alliance

AFSCME

Alliance for Retired Americans

Alliance for Strong Families and Communities

Alliance of Baptists

American Aging Association

American Alliance of Museums

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Commodity Distribution Association

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

American Federation of Teachers

American Friends Service Committee

American Geriatrics Society

American Library Association

American Thoracic Society

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP)
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Augustus F. Hawkins Foundation
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Bread for the World
Campaign for America's Future
Campaign for Youth Justice
Caring Across Generations
Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities
Catholic Charities USA
Center for Employment Training (CET)
Center for Law and Social Policy
Center for Medicare Advocacy
Ceres Community Project
Child Care Aware of America
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Defense Fund
Children's Mental Health Network
Children's Advocacy Institute
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Church World Service
Clean Water Action
Coalition on Human Needs

Community Catalyst
Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces
Congressional Hunger Center
Conservation Legacy
Corporation for Supportive Housing
CoSN
Council for Exceptional Children
Council for Opportunity in Education
Council of Large Public Housing Authorities
Council on Social Work Education
Daughters of Charity USA
Disciples Center for Public Witness
Disciples Home Missions
Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)
Dominican Sisters of Peace
Easterseals
Economic Policy Institute
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Ecumenical Poverty Initiative
Endangered Species Coalition
Equal Rights Advocates
Eta Sigma Gamma
Families USA
Family Equality Council
Family Voices
Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association
Feeding America

First Focus Campaign for Children

Food Policy Action

Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)

Forum for Youth Investment

Franciscan Action Network

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Funders Together to End Homelessness

Girls Inc.

Global Justice Institute, Metropolitan Community Churches

Grounded Solutions Network

Health Care for America Now

Health GAP

Healthy Teen Network

HEAR US Inc.

Heartland Alliance

HepC Alliance

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

Hispanic Federation

HIV Medicine Association

Housing Assistance Council (HAC)

Housing Partnership Network

Housing Works, Inc.

Human Rights Campaign

IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA)

Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Japanese American Citizens League

Justice in Aging

Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Commission, Priests of the Sacred Heart, US Province

The Jewish Federations of North America
Jewish Women International (JWI)
Knowledge Alliance
LeadingAge
League of Conservation Voters
League of Women Voters of the United States
Legal Momentum, the Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund
LIFT
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Lutheran Services in America
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Meals on Wheels America
Mental Health America
Mercy Housing, Inc.
Modern Military Association of America
MomsRising
Morehouse School of Medicine
National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA)
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National AIDS Housing Coalition
National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE)
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)
National Association of County and City Health Officials

National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)
National Association of RSVP Directors
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
National Association of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs (NASOP)
National Center for Housing & Child Welfare
National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Commodity Supplemental Food Program Association
National Community Action Partnership
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
National Council for Community and Education Partnerships
National Council of Churches
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Nonprofits
National Council on Aging
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Education Association
National Education Association Retirees Organization (NEARO)
National Employment Law Project
National Environmental Health Association
National Farm to School Network

National Head Start Association
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Health Law Program
National Housing Conference
National Housing Law Project
National Housing Resource Center
National Housing Trust
National Human Services Assembly
National Indian Education Association
National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty
National Legal Aid & Defender Association
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National NeighborWorks Association
National Network for Youth
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Organization for Women
National Parks Conservation Association
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies
National PTA
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National Senior Corps Association
National Skills Coalition
National Summer Learning Association
National Superintendents Roundtable
National Urban League
National WIC Association
National Women's Health Network

National Women's Law Center
National Working Positive Coalition
National Youth Advocate Program, Inc.
National Youth Employment Coalition
Natural Resources Defense Council
Network of Jewish Human Service Organizations
North Carolina Council of Churches
PACER Center
Parable of the Sower Intentional Community Cooperative
Parents as Teachers National Center
Peace and Justice Team of the Congregation of Saint Joseph
Penn State University Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy
People Demanding Action
Positive Women's Network - USA
POZ MILITARY VETERANS USA INTL
Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. (POAH)
Prevent Blindness
Priests of the Sacred Heart, US Province
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator
Public Health Institute
Public Housing Authorities Directors Association
Public Lands Alliance
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
RESULTS
Robert F Kennedy Children's Action Corps
Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition
Safe States Alliance
San Antonio Breastfeeding Coalition

Service Employees International Union

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)

Sisters of Charity Federation

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership

Sisters of Charity, BVM

Sisters of Mercy - South Central Community

Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa, Leadership Team

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

SparkAction

Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future

Strategies for Youth, Inc.

TASH, Inc.

Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc.

Telesis Corporation

The Advocacy Institute

The AIDS Institute

The Arc of the United States

The Center for Popular Democracy

The Community Builders

The Corps Network

The Gerontological Society of America

The John Leary Organization

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

The National Association for County Community and Economic Development

The National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies

The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society

Treatment Action Group (TAG)

Ujima Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community

Union for Reform Judaism

United Food and Commercial Workers International Union

United for a Fair Economy

United Migrant Opportunity Services/UMOS Inc.

United States Breastfeeding Committee

Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, US Province

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Voices for Progress

Wheaton Franciscan Sisters

Youth Advocate Programs (YAP)

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