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