

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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ACCESS

ACLU of NY

ACLU People Power Fairfax

Action NC

Adelante Alabama Worker Center
ADL (Anti-Defamation League)
Adoptees for Justice
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.
Advocates for Youth
African Communities Together
African Services Committee
AGS Immigrant Center Inc
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
AltaMed Health Services
American Association of People with Disabilities
American Civil Liberties Union
American Council of the Blind
American Federation of Teachers
American Friends Service Committee
American Muslim Health Professionals
American University Law Immigrant Justice Clinic
Americans for Immigrant Justice
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 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
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Ayuda
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Bet Tzedek Legal Services
Black and Pink
Black Lives Matter Hudson Valley
BlackLine
Border Crit Institute
BPSOS Center for Community Advancement
Bread for the World
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
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
California Primary Care Association
California WIC Association
California Young Democrats
Cameroon American Council
Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition
Campesinos Sin Fronteras

CARECEN

CASA

Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities

Casa San Jose

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 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

Children's Law Center of Massachusetts

Chinatown Manpower Project

Chinese Progressive Association

Chinese-American Planning Council

Christ Church, Sparkill, NY

Christian Reformed Church Office of Social Justice
Chung Pak LDC
Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Times Square
Church of the Ascension NYC
Church World Service
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
COFEM
Colorado Center on Law and Policy
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
CommonSpirit Health
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
De Novo Center for Justice and Healing
Demand Progress
Detention Watch Network
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries
Ditmas Civic
Doctors for Camp Closure
Dominican Development Center
Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa
DOVE, Inc.
Drug Policy Alliance
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.
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
Families for Freedom
Farmworker Association of Florida
Farmworker Justice

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
Fort Collins Community Action Network
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
Guttmacher Institute
HarborCOV
Health Care for All New York
Health Care Voter
Health Law Advocates
HealthPoint
Her Justice
HIAS
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
IMPRINT
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
Javier G. Pineda, Professional Law Corp.
Jewish Community Action
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
JFON Houston
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
Lambda Legal
Latin America Working Group
Latino Coalition for a Healthy CA
Latino Farmers of the Southeast
Latino Policy Forum
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
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 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
Lights for Liberty
Lila LGBTQ Inc.
Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition
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
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 Law Reform Institute
Maternal and Child Health Access
Matthew 25/Mateo 25
Meadowlark Immigration PC
Methodist Federation for Social Action, Iowa Chapter
Metrowest Legal Services
Mi Familia Vota
Michigan Immigrant Rights Center
Michigan League for Public Policy
Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project
Migrant Center for Human Rights
Migrant Justice / Justicia Migrante
Mijente
Minnesota Budget Project

Mirer Mazzocchi & Julien, PLLC
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
Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)
Myrtle Beach Immigration Law Office
NAKASEC Virginia
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
National Council of Jewish Women
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Employment Law Project
National Employment Lawyers Association
National Family Farm Coalition
National Health Law Program
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association
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 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
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
New York Justice for Our Neighbors
New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Next100
Niskanen Center
North Carolina Justice Center
North East Medical Services
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
Oxfam America
Pacific Islander National Caucus of United Methodists
Pars Equality Center
Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans
PASOs
PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union
Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition
Pangea Legal Services
People Organized for Westside Renewal
People's Parity Project
Pereira Immigration Law Group
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Poder Latinx
Polaris
Poligon Education Fund
Pre-Health Dreamers
Population Connection Action Fund
Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
Prevention Institute
Promesa Boyle Heights
Proteus, Inc.
Public Counsel
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 KIDS COUNT
Rian Immigrant Center
Rockland Immigration Coalition
Rural & Migrant Ministry
Rural Advancement Fund
Rural Coalition
Rural Development Leadership Network
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services
Safe Harbor Law, LLC
Safe Horizon
Safe Passage Project
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
Sanctuary DMV
Santa Fe Dreamers Project
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
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Silver State Equality-Nevada
SIREN (Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network)
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Snohomish APIC
Sojourners
Solid Ground Washington
Sound Vision Foundation
South Asian Americans Leading Together
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
South Texas Human Rights Center
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Southeast Immigrant Rights Network (SEIRN)
Southern Poverty Law Center

Southwest Environmental Center
Southwestern Law School Removal Defense Clinic and Pro Bono Removal Defense Program
SparkAction
SPEAN Rajana
St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
St. Bartholomew's Church, Manhattan
St. Francis Community Services
St. James' Church
St. John's Wilmot Episcopal Church
St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mt. Kisco, NY
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
Tash
Tax March
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
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
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)
UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic
UFW Foundation
Ulster Immigrant Defense Network
UMB Law & Social Work Services Program
UNAVSA
UndocuBlack Network
UndocuHealth Advocates
UnidosUS
Union for Reform Judaism
Union Theological Seminary
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
UNITE HERE
United Way of King County
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
University of Miami School of Law, Human Rights Clinic
UNO Immigration Ministry

Valley View Health Center
V-Day/One Billion Rising
Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
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
Vision y Compromiso
Voices for Progress
Voices for Utah Children
Wage Justice Center
Washington Food Coalition
Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network
Washington State Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition
Washington State Budget & Policy Center
WeCount!
Welcome Back Initiative
Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ
Wilkes Legal, LLC
William E. Morris Institute for Justice
Wilson Immigration
Win (formerly Women in Need)
Wind of the Spirit
Womankind
Women of Color Network, Inc.
Women's Employment Rights Clinic - Golden Gate University
Worker Justice Center of New York
Working Partnerships USA
Workplace Justice Project at Loyola Law Clinic
Worksafe
World Education Services
World Education, Inc.
World Farmers
Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic
Yes

Young Democrats of America (YDA) Hispanic Caucus

Young Democrats of America Environmental Caucus

Young Democrats of America Immigration Working Group

Young Invincibles

Youth, Education and Justice Clinic, University of Maryland Carey School of Law

YWCA Utah