

November 30, 2021

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader of the Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Schumer and Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of America's families, the undersigned organizations extend our deepest appreciation to the House of Representatives for passage of the Build Back Better Act. This landmark legislation will drastically improve affordability and expand access to health coverage, reduce racial health inequities, and transform the lives of millions of America's families.

The Build Back Better Act advances policies our communities have spent years – sometimes decades – fiercely advocating for, including:

- Closing the Medicaid coverage gap that that will lead to 2.2 million uninsured people, a majority of whom are people of color, gaining coverage;
- Allowing Medicare to negotiate for fair drug prices and lowering prescription drug costs;
- Making Marketplace coverage more affordable through meaningful premium reductions for lower income individuals, many of whom are people of color;
- 12 months of continuous eligibility in Medicaid and CHIP; making federal CHIP funding permanent, investments in the perinatal workforce, health coverage of people transitioning out of incarceration, and funding for consumer assistance programs;
- Making crucial investments to address pervasive maternal health inequities by extending pregnancy-related Medicaid and CHIP eligibility to 12 months after pregnancy in every state and including key pieces of the groundbreaking Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, which together represent an historic investment to target racial health disparities and advance birth equity;
- Providing high quality care for older individuals and people with disabilities in their homes and communities;
- Ensuring workers have four weeks of paid family and medical leave;
- Expanding Medicare to cover hearing services and hearing aids; and,
- Investing in critical programs that address social drivers of health such as nutrition, education, housing, child care, and climate change.

We applaud the House for putting forward a robust package, and believe all of its components must remain intact through enactment. That is why we urge the Senate not to delay in passing this bill and to send it to the President's desk for his immediate signature.

Our organizations are in your corner to ensure passage of the Build Back Better Act, and stand ready to support the Administration in its implementation. There's not a moment to waste in making these policies a reality and to jumpstart our just recovery to truly "build back better."

Sincerely,

National Organizations

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| 2020 Mom | Doctors For America |
| AIDS Healthcare Foundation | DNC/DCCC |
| Allergy & Asthma Network | Equitable Maternal Health Coalition |
| American Academy of Family Physicians | Families USA |
| American Association on Health and Disability | First Focus Campaign for Children |
| American Association on Health and Disability and Lakeshore Foundation | Futures Without Violence |
| American Federation of Teachers | Health Care Voices |
| American Foundation for Suicide Prevention | Health Care Voter |
| American Medical Student Association | HealthConnect One |
| American Muslim Health Professionals | IDEA Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) |
| Association for Community Affiliated Plans | In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda |
| Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) | Justice in Aging |
| Be a Hero | Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights |
| Center for American Progress | Little Lobbyists |
| Community Catalyst | Long Term Care Community Coalition |
| Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd | Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc. |
| Consumer Action | Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance |
| COVID Survivors for Change | MomsRising |
| Dreaming Out Loud, Inc. | NARAL Pro-Choice America |
| Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC) | NASTAD |

National Adult Day Services Association
(NADSA)

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the
Good Shepherd

National Association for Children's Behavioral
Health

National Association for Home Care & Hospice

National Association of Community Health
Workers

National Association of Pediatric Nurse
Practitioners

National Association of Social Workers

National Association of State Head Injury
Administrators

National Birth Equity Collaborative

National Consumers League

National Council of Gray Panthers Networks

National Council of Jewish Women

National Council on Independent Living

National Crittenton

National Family Planning & Reproductive Health
Association

National Family Support Network

National Health Law Program

National Latina Institute for Reproductive
Justice

National League for Nursing

National Respite Coalition

National Urban League

Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Oral Health Progress and Equity Network
(OPEN)

Partners In Health

PHI

Physicians for Reproductive Health

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Power to Decide

Protect Our Care

Public Citizen

Public Health Accreditation Board

Public Health Institute

Raising Women's Voices

R2H Action [Right to Health]

SEIU

Social Security Works

T1International

The Democratic Coalition

The Gerontological Society of America

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-
Term Care

The National Partnership on Women & Families

The National Women's Health Network

The United Methodist Church - General Board
of Church and Society

Triage Cancer

United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation

Voters of Tomorrow

State Organizations

Alabama

Lakeshore Foundation

Arizona

Asian Pacific Community in Action

California

Arroyo Vista Family Health Center

Asian Resources, Inc.

Cactus Cancer Society

California Black Health Network

California Physicians Alliance

CPEHN

El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center

Friends Committee on Legislation of California

Human Impact Partners

Maternal and Child Health Access

Placer Independent Resource Services

The Children's Partnership

UC Berkeley SPH DrPH graduate

Colorado

Colorado Center on Law and Policy

Colorado Children's Campaign

Colorado Consumer Health Initiative

Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity
and Reproductive Rights

The Arc Arapahoe & Douglas

The Consortium

Young Invincibles

Connecticut

Universal Health Care Foundation of
Connecticut

Delaware

Christian Council of Delmarva

Florida

Florida Health Justice Project

Florida Voices for Health

Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc. (HHI)

International Waldenstrom's
Macroglobulinemia Foundation

M J Health & Life Insurance LLC

Georgia

Georgia Budget & Policy Institute

Georgia Equality

Georgians for a Healthy Future

Georgia Interfaith Public Policy Center

Georgia Watch

Interfaith Children's Movement

Hawaii

Parents And Children Together

Iowa

CHM

Illinois

ACA Consumer Advocacy

Center for Health and Social Care Integration at
Rush University Medical Center

Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

Shriver Center on Poverty Law

Indiana

Indiana Primary Healthcare Association

Kansas

Alliance for a Healthy Kansas

Kansas Action for Children

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

Kentucky

Kentucky Equal Justice Center

Kentucky Voices for Health

Louisiana

Louisiana Center for Health Equity

Massachusetts

Health Care For All Massachusetts

Mass. ME/CFS and FM Assoc

Personal Disability Consulting, Inc.

Maine

Maine Consumers for Affordable Health Care

Maine Equal Justice

Opportunity Enterprises Incorporated

Maryland

AIDS ACTION BALTIMORE

Community Development Network of Maryland

Lower Shore Progressive Caucus

Maryland Regional Direct Services Collaborative

Maryland Health Care For All! Coalition

Michigan

Insight Youth and Family Connections

Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice
Network (MUUSJN)

Rainbow Investment Club

Mississippi

Mississippi Health Advocacy Program

Missouri

Caruthers Street Charities, Inc.

Missouri Health Care for All

Minnesota

University of Minnesota

TakeAction Minnesota

North Carolina

NC Child

NC Justice Center

Nebraska

Nebraska Appleseed

New Jersey

CWA Local 1081

Family Voices NJ

Male Breast Cancer Global Alliance

National Association of Social Workers - NJ
Chapter

New Jersey Citizen Action

SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

New Mexico

NM Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

New York

American Geriatrics Society

Ancient Song Doula Services

Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY

Medicaid Matters New York

Metro New York Health Care for All

National Working Positive Coalition

Public Health Solutions

New Hampshire

ABLE NH (Advocates Building Lasting Equality in
NH)

Ohio

Stark County Community Action Agency

The Center for Community Solutions

Westland Ecumenical Food Pantry

Oklahoma

High Flight Arts and Letters

Oklahoma Policy Institute

Oregon

Children's Institute

Phoenix Ventures

Pennsylvania

American Association of Birth Centers

Centro Nueva Creacion

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Rhode Island

Protect Our Healthcare Coalition RI

RI NOW

SISTA Fire

The Womxn Project

South Carolina

SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center

Tennessee

NAACP Nashville - Health Committee

Tennessee Health Care Campaign

Tennessee Justice Center

Texas

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

Every Texan

La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE)

Ranchito Nopalito

UUFHC

Utah

Senior Charity Care Foundation

Utah Health Policy Project

Virginia

Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations

Vermont

Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont

Legal Aid

Washington

APCC

Community Health Plan of Washington

Northwest Harvest

Northwest Health Law Advocates

Wisconsin

Citizen Action of Wisconsin

Kids Forward

Supporting Families Together Association

Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health

Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice

West Virginia

TEAM for West Virginia Children, Inc.

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care

West Virginian Health Care for All

cc: President Joseph R. Biden, The White House