



September 19, 2021

The Hon. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Senator _____
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Re: The Budget Reconciliation Bill

Dear Members of Congress,

I write to you as your constituent to urge you to support the budget reconciliation bill currently before Congress. COVID-19 exacerbated a range of societal inequities. We must address them as we build back from the pandemic.

I ask you to prioritize eight key areas:

- Extend the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit to assist low-income families.
- Implement universal paid leave for workers to help workers deal with the vagaries of life.
- Provide \$400 billion of funding for Medicaid's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to help seniors and people with disabilities with the self-care services they need.
- Address the Medicaid coverage gap, which keeps more than 2 million low-income adults out of coverage. Please include Medicaid expansion in the bill.
- Increasing ACA exchange plan subsidies decreased health care costs to the point that nearly 40% of uninsured Americans now qualify for free or nearly-free plans. These subsidy changes should be made permanent.
- Expand and enhance Medicare by adding dental, hearing, and vision care, lowering Medicare's eligibility age, creating an out-of-pocket cap on expenses so that health care costs don't bankrupt seniors and giving Medicare the power to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical corporations, lowering costs for everyone in the process.
- Legalize 8 million DREAMers and DACA recipients, Temporary Protected Status recipients, and farm and essential workers.
- Put a price on carbon. It will reduce America's carbon pollution 50% by 2030, putting us on track to reach net zero carbon pollution by 2050. It will save 4.5 million American lives over the next 50 years by restoring clean air across the country. It will particularly improve the quality of life in marginalized communities that have borne the brunt of pollution's ill effects.

I believe in the importance of the least of these. These provisions of the reconciliation bill will extend help to many vulnerable Americans. I believe that it should be a societal goal to do everything we can to improve their situation.

Thank you in advance for working towards these goals, and for your public service to this country.

(Sign & Print Name) _____

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