



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

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The Honorable Keith Ellison
The Honorable Raul Grijalva
Congressional Progressive Caucus
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representatives Ellison and Grijalva:

The Coalition on Human Needs is very pleased to endorse the priorities of the Congressional Progressive Caucus' FY 2016 alternative budget resolution. The CPC budget proposal is a truly responsible plan to invest in broadly shared economic growth and economic security for all Americans. It commits to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure and to create jobs that further economic progress for all. It will end the budget caps and sequestration requirements that now prevent adequate funding of education, housing, child care, and other essential human needs programs. It takes important steps to improve financial security for retirees and working families. It reverses harmful cuts and strengthens vital nutrition, health care, and unemployment assistance.

The Congressional Progressive Budget shows that it is within our reach to make the investments needed to reverse decades of stagnating incomes for many millions of Americans by ending grossly inequitable spending through our tax code. The budget would redirect trillions of dollars from unproductive tax breaks overwhelmingly favoring the rich and profitable corporations to investments in education, infrastructure, renewable energy, and pathways out of poverty. The budget also insists on reducing waste in the Pentagon and increasing Congress' oversight of its expenditures. These vital corrections in national priorities will redirect our resources in ways that profoundly serve the public interest.

The Congressional Progressive Budget invests in our people, recognizing that we cannot make the progress we need without bringing millions of immigrants and the poor into our economic mainstream. We strongly support the provisions for comprehensive immigration reform, for safety net improvements including nutrition, health care, unemployment insurance and low-income tax credits, and for investments and protections in housing and jobs.

We applaud the vision of the Congressional Progressive Budget, which by making responsible choices will enable all Americans to participate in sustained prosperity for decades to come.

Sincerely yours,

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