



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

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Dear Senator:

It is my privilege to write on behalf of the Coalition on Human Needs (CHN) to express our conviction that the budget resolution before you today provides a blueprint for our nation's future that will do unprecedented good for the vast majority of Americans. S. Con. Res. 14 and its instructions for reconciliation legislation will significantly raise living standards and economic security for most of us. Your vote for it is a vote for more opportunity, dramatically less poverty, and a growing middle class. The budget resolution, in combination with the physical infrastructure investments just passed by the Senate, will provide millions of jobs with good pay and will improve people's lives by saving them money on their health care, child care, housing and other expenses. In addition to greater earnings from the new jobs created, families with 90 percent of America's children will see rising incomes through the increased Child Tax Credit. Those who are aging and people with disabilities will be more able to secure home care. Immigrants who have risked their lives in frontline jobs during the pandemic, often taken advantage of because of their insecure status, will be able to contribute more with the help of the legal status made possible through this budget. From pre-school through college, the budget allows for investments that will enable our students to thrive. We urge you to cast your vote for the budget resolution to build shared prosperity.

We also urge you to reject amendments that would undermine or block the progress that this budget allows. There are numerous anti-immigrant amendments, calling for draconian measures that would once again split up families, prevent people seeking refuge from a fair hearing, deny assistance, and block a pathway to citizenship that simple justice requires. Please vote against these amendments.

We are glad that the Shelby-Inhofe amendment (#3293) to add over \$50 billion to the Pentagon was defeated. Our military does not need more funds; it needs to stop wasting our resources on military contractors that are not providing us with cost-effective equipment that actually serves our security needs. We also urge you to vote against amendments that would prevent Medicare from negotiating prescription drug costs. Pentagon waste and negotiated drug prices are two areas where you can reduce the deficit by making well-justified savings.

Please vote against amendments to once again deny the Child Tax Credit to our poorest families with children, such as the Rubio amendment (#3098) through work requirements that do not actually encourage work, but just leave out children who need help the most. We also urge you to oppose amendments that would cut the investments in Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, and Medicare accommodated in the budget resolution, and to preserve the opportunity to include improvements in Supplemental Security Income and child nutrition benefits included in the budget resolution.

The [Coalition on Human Needs](http://www.chn.org) is made up of organizations representing human service providers, faith groups, policy experts, labor, civil rights and other advocates seeking federal investments and policies to help lift people in our nation out of poverty and to increase economic opportunity and security for people with low incomes. We know that millions of Americans have struggled before the pandemic, and experienced more hardships during the pandemic. The budget resolution before you can jump-start real progress in their lives, and in our future.

Sincerely yours,

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