



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

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Dear Representative/Senator:

The 191 undersigned organizations, who represent a broad set of stakeholders who care about human needs, urge you to **prioritize protecting people struggling to make ends meet by rejecting further cuts to basic needs programs via a “Reconciliation 3.0” package or other legislative vehicle.**

We represent human service providers, faith groups, national, state, and local policy experts, and civil rights, labor, and other organizations concerned with meeting the needs of people with low incomes. We are deeply concerned about families struggling with rising costs of health care, food, housing, and other human needs, and many in our networks are dealing with the aftermath of H.R. 1’s historic cuts to basic needs programs including SNAP, Medicaid and the ACA, higher education, the Child Tax Credit, and other human needs programs. We’re already seeing the impacts, for example:

- From enactment of H.R. 1 last year through February 2026, [more than 3.5 million people](#) lost access to SNAP’s food assistance including [more than 700,000 children](#);
- [1.4 million children have lost Medicaid/CHIP coverage](#) with [experts flagging that many more are losing coverage in 2026](#);
- CMS’s new Medicaid work reporting rule is creating [confusion and chaos for states](#) and will [harm patients](#);
- [More than 15 states](#) proposing or already taking away care from people with disabilities and older adults through cuts to Medicaid home and community based services;
- Approximately [5 million fewer Americans have coverage via ACA marketplaces](#) while [millions more grapple with higher premium costs](#);
- [2.6 million American citizen children](#) with parents who don’t have Social Security numbers lost access to the Child Tax Credit (CTC) while [one in four children \(19 million\) are left out of the full value of the CTC](#); and
- Lawfully present immigrants, including [seniors who have long participated in Medicare](#), are already losing access to health and food assistance.

At a time when many are dealing with rising costs and policy changes that make it harder to put food on the table and access health coverage, we are alarmed about reports that House leaders are looking to fast track additional cuts to basic needs programs via another reconciliation package, further increasing hardship for families across the country and disrupting the lives of low-income working families, service providers, and localities. Nationwide, community-based organizations have struggled to address increased needs in their communities, exacerbated by rising costs, while facing uncertainties about funding for programs (we note that [over 500 organizations urged Congress](#) to “insist that the Administration follow authorizing and appropriations law across all federal agencies”).

[Polling shows the widespread support](#) for protecting basic needs programs, and advocates including [children's groups](#) and [disability advocates](#) have sounded the alarm about the impact of budget decisions on local communities. **Families are facing a basic needs crisis and further cuts to basic needs programs will only exacerbate the hardship that families, providers, and local policymakers are grappling with every day** by making it harder for families to buy food, access care and health services, pay rent, and more. We believe Congress must protect health care, care services that enable older adults and people with disabilities to remain in their homes, child care, the Earned Income Tax Credit, food assistance, housing, and other basic needs programs, not exacerbate families' everyday crises. The undersigned organizations urge you to **reject any Reconciliation 3.0 package that threatens human needs and instead work with Leadership along with colleagues to protect and strengthen basic needs programs.**

Sincerely yours,

The list below reflects signing organizations as of 2 PM ET, June 23, 2026.

National organizations:

AACTE (American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education)
AIDS United
All4Ed
Alliance to End Hunger
Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools
American Friends Service Committee
American Network of Community Options and Resources
American Society of Nephrology
Americans for Tax Fairness
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network
Big Cities Health Coalition
Caring Across Generations
Children's HealthWatch
Church World Service
Climate Justice Alliance
Clinical Social Work Association
Coalition on Human Needs
Common Threads
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Region
Cure KCNH1 Foundation
EdTrust
Faith in Action Network
Faithful America
Family Values @ Work
First Focus Campaign for Children
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)
HealthBegins

HIV Medicine Association
Human Appeal
Hunger Free America
Institute for Educational Leadership
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Meals on Wheels America
Muslim Advocates
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
National Association for College Admission Counseling
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Center on Adoption and Permanency
National Center on Domestic Violence Trauma and Mental Health
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Council for Community and Education Partnerships
National Council of Churches USA
National Council of Jewish Women
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Immigration Law Center
National Organization for Women
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National Skills Coalition
National Urban League
National Women's Political Caucus
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
Oxfam America
Popular Democracy
PrEP4All
Prevent Blindness
Prevention Institute
Progressive Democrats of America
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
Share Our Strength
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas' Justice Team
Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa
Society for Public Health Education
The Advocacy Institute
The Arc of the United States
UnidosUS
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
Voices of Health Care Action

Win Without War
Youth First Justice Collaborative
Youth Law Center
ZERO TO THREE

Local and state organizations:

Action Wellness
Alabama Arise
Alaska Children's Trust
Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
Ashland County Aging Unit, Inc.
Asian Resources, Inc.
Being Alive/People with AIDS Action Coalition
Bet Tzedek Legal Services
Black Children's Institute of Tennessee
Blue Ridge Independent Living Center
Center for Community Solutions
Charlotte Trans Health
Children's Advocacy Alliance
Children's Institute
Church Of St Francis Xavier
Citizen Action of New York
Clare Housing
Coalition of CA Welfare Rights Organizations
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
Common Good Iowa
Community of Caring
Connecticut Voices for Children
Creative Innovative
DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board
Dientes Community Dental Care
Disability Rights Ohio
Disability Rights Oregon
Dominican Sisters Ministry of Presence
East Bay Housing Organizations
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
East Boston Social Centers
Equality California
Faith Commons
Family Focus
Five Horizons Health Services
Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls Minnesota
Gather
Glide Foundation

Greater Boston Legal Services, on behalf of our clients
Grow Food Northampton
Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Health Action New Mexico
Housing Action Illinois
Hunger Solutions New York
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Independence Alliance
Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute
Iowa Hunger Coalition
Just Harvest
Kentucky Voices for Health
Klamath and Lake Community Action Services
Legal Aid Justice Center
Life Start Inc.
Locker Project
Long Island Center for Independent Living (LICIL)
Maine Council of Churches
Meals4Families
Mental Health Association of NW PA
Michigan Council for Maternal Child Health
Minnesota Farmers' Market Association
Minnesota Prenatal to Three Coalition
Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative
Mountain Resource Center
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA)
NH Hunger Solutions
NH Peace Action
Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.
NYPAN of the Southern Finger Lakes
Oasis Legal Services
Ohio APSE
Ohio Olmstead Task Force
Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless
Orange County United Way
Oregon Public Health Association
Parable of the Sower Cooperative
PathPoint
Praxis Health Empowerment
Pride Community Center of the Brazos Valley
Progress Center for Independent Living
Promise Arizona
San Mateo County Pride Center
Serving at-risk families everywhere, Inc.

Sister Carmen Community Center
Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston
Snake River Alliance
Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning
St. Matthew Trinity Lunchtime Ministry
Steuben County Habitat for Humanity
The Ability Center of Greater Toledo
The Arc of Aurora
The Children's Agenda
The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA)
The Food Group
The Freedom Center, Inc.
The SOURCE
The Village at Glenclyff
Thorne Nature Experience
TRII/Dignidad
Tzedek DC
University District Food Bank
Utah Housing Coalition
Utahns Against Hunger
Valley Oak Children's Services
Violence Free Minnesota
Vivent Health
VNA Community Services
Voices for Vermont's Children
Voices Of Hope
WA Housing Alliance
Wellbeing Revolution: Leading with Heart & Strategy - loto ma'a, ngutu kovi
Women Employed
Wyoming Community Foundation
YWCA Columbus
YWCA of Kauai