

February 12, 2021

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

To the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate:

We write today to offer our enthusiastic endorsement of the budget reconciliation language providing \$350 billion in flexible aid for our states, cities, counties, tribes, and territories. We encourage the House and Senate to swiftly pass this urgently needed aid.

Many states and localities have seen their revenues plummet as a result of the pandemic even as costs have risen sharply to fight the virus and to help millions of struggling people and businesses. State revenues are down some 7 percent compared to before the pandemic even as the need for state services has skyrocketed with one in three adults struggling to meet household expenses. Meanwhile, many cities and counties have been hit even harder. The average city with falling revenues has seen collections drop by 21 percent, even as costs have soared, and counties face similar conditions.

This pandemic and the resulting economic crisis are not partisan issues. In communities across this country, local officials are desperate to get residents vaccinated, healthy, and back to work. In Nevada, leaders of the State Legislature from both parties joined calls for direct federal aid to preserve essential public services like education, health care and more. The bipartisan Ohio Mayors Alliance sent a coalition letter calling on the Ohio congressional delegation to support the current plan to provide \$350 billion in direct aid. These bipartisan calls for urgent support are pouring in from communities of all sizes, from counties of a few thousand residents to Orange County, California and its 3.3 million residents. And in Texas, where metropolitan areas account for 93.1% of the Texas economy, a bipartisan group of mayors from cities of all sizes have rallied behind robust federal aid.

More than 1.3 million front-line public service workers - nurses, teachers, emergency responders and corrections officers, to name just a few - have on one hand been thanked for their heroism and given a pink slip with the other because of the holes the pandemic blew open in state and local budgets. This staggering loss of jobs hurts our economy; we cannot add jobs by subtracting them. More importantly, the loss of these public service workers hurts our ability to quickly get shots in arms, prevent our children from falling behind, and help save businesses by delivering essential services like sanitation, clean water and good roads. All the while state and local costs to combat COVID-19 continue to increase and the negative economic impacts from the pandemic continue.

We appreciate the thoughtful work of the drafting committees to ensure that aid to our states, cities, counties, tribes, and territories will be distributed fairly, so communities of all sizes can receive the help they need. As the House and Senate consider this legislation we ask that you maintain the \$350 billion funding that will get aid quickly to all corners of the country.

Sincerely,

AASA, The School Superintendents Association  
Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (Aim)  
ACCESS  
AFL-CIO  
AFSCME  
Ain Dah Yung Center  
Alabama Alliance of YMCAs  
Alabama Visual Arts Network  
Albert Lea Family YMCA  
Alexandria Area YMCA  
Alliance for Retired Americans  
Alliance for Strong Families and Communities  
Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits  
Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs  
Alliance Of NYS YMCAS  
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Indian Center of Indiana, Inc  
American Indian Child Resource Center  
American Indian Community House  
American Indian OIC  
American Indians in Texas  
American Library Association  
American Network of Community Options & Resources (ANCOR)  
American Planning Association  
American Public Human Services Association  
American Public Power Association  
American Public Works Association (APWA)  
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)  
Americans for Indian Opportunity  
Americans for Tax Fairness  
Americans for the Arts  
Americans for the Arts Action Fund  
Arizona Association of Counties  
Arts Alliance Illinois  
Arts North Carolina  
Arts Wisconsin  
ArtsNYS  
Association of Art Museum Directors  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)  
Association of Community Tribal Schools (ACTS)  
Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma  
Association of County Commissions of Alabama

Association of Educational Service Agencies  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies  
Association of Minnesota Counties  
Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)  
Association of Washington Cities  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Battle Born Progress  
Bend the Arc Jewish Action  
Bend the Arc: Champaign-Urbana  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Black Belt Community Foundation, Inc.  
Brainerd Family YMCA  
Build America Mutual  
California State Alliance of YMCAs  
California State Association of Counties  
Campaign for America's Future  
Center for American Progress  
Center for Common Ground  
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)  
Center for Nonprofit Advancement  
Center for Nonprofit Excellence  
Center for Non-Profits (NJ)  
Child Welfare League of America  
CNY Arts  
Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Colorado Municipal League  
Colorado Nonprofit Association  
Common Good Vermont  
Communications Workers of America (CWA)  
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities  
Consumer Action  
Council of Administrators of Special Education  
Council of Michigan Foundations  
Council on Foundations  
County Commissioners Association of Ohio  
County Commissioners' Association of WV  
County Welfare Directors Association of California  
CT Citizen Action Group  
DC Vote  
Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement  
Democratic Municipal Officials (DMO)  
Design-Build Institute of America  
Destinations International  
Economic Policy Institute  
EDGE Consulting Partners  
Esri  
Evident Change  
Families USA  
Family Equality  
Florida Association of Counties

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.  
Florida League of Mayors  
Florida Nonprofit Alliance  
Florida State Alliance of YMCAs  
Forefront (Illinois)  
Forum for Youth Investment  
Fulton Police Dept.  
Georgia Alliance of YMCAs  
Georgia Municipal Association  
Girl Scouts of the USA  
Globetrotter Travel Management Services, Inc.  
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.  
GoRail  
Government Finance Officers Association  
Hawai`i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations  
Hawai`i Arts Alliance  
Health Care for America Now (HCAN)  
Health Care Voter  
Hispanic Federation  
Holmen Area Fire Department  
Honest Arizona  
Hot Springs YMCA  
Illinois State Association of Counties  
Independent Sector  
Indivisible Hawaii  
Indivisible IL9 Andersonville-Edgewater  
Indivisible IL14  
Indivisible Illinois  
Indivisible Marin  
Indivisible Media City Burbank  
Indivisible Metro East  
Indivisible Western Springs  
Indivisible: Narberth and Beyond  
International Association of Emergency Managers  
International Association of Fire Fighters  
International Municipal Lawyers Association, Inc.  
International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA-HR)  
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)  
International WELL Building Institute  
Iowa Alliance of YMCAs  
Iowa State Association of Counties  
Itasca County Family YMCA  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Jewish Federations of North America  
KABOOM!  
Kandiyohi County Area Family YMCA  
Kansas Association of Counties  
Kansas City Indian Center  
Kansas State Alliance of YMCAs

Kentucky Equal Justice Center  
Kentucky Nonprofit Network  
Kentucky/West Virginia Regional Alliance of YMCAs  
Lacuna Technologies  
League of Arizona Cities and Towns  
League of California Cities  
League of Minnesota Cities  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
League of Oregon Cities  
Louisiana Municipal Association  
Main Street Alliance  
Maine Association of Nonprofits  
Mainers for Accountable Leadership  
Marshall Area YMCA  
Maryland Association of Counties  
Maryland Nonprofits  
Massachusetts Municipal Association  
Medicare Rights Center  
Mental Health America  
Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi  
Michigan Association of Counties  
Michigan Nonprofit Association  
Minnesota Alliance of YMCAs  
Minnesota Budget Project  
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits  
Missouri Municipal League  
Momentum Nonprofit Partners  
MomsRising  
Montana Nonprofit Association  
Motorola Solutions, Inc.  
NACBHDD and NARMH  
National Adult Day Services Association  
National Association for Music Education (NAfME)  
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
National Association of Black County Officials  
National Association of Bond Lawyers  
National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)  
National Association of Counties (NACo)  
National Association of County Human Services Administrators  
National Association of Regional Councils  
National Association of Secondary School Principals  
National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)  
National Association of Towns and Townships  
National Community Development Association  
National Council of Nonprofits  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Indian Child Welfare Association  
National League of Cities  
National NeighborWorks Association  
National Network of Public Health Institutes

National Organization of Black County Officials, Inc.  
National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium  
National Rural Education Association  
National School Boards Association  
National Urban Indian Family Coalition  
National WIC Association  
National Women's Law Center  
Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA)  
Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)  
NC Alliance of YMCAs  
Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Netsmart  
Network for Strong Communities  
Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits  
New Jersey Association of Counties  
New Jersey Association on Correction  
New Jersey YMCA State Alliance  
New Mexico Thrives  
New York Council of Nonprofits  
New York State Association of Counties  
New York State Conference of Mayors  
Nonprofit Association of Oregon  
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands  
Nonprofit New York  
#NoRA  
North American Indian Association of Detroit  
North American Indian Center of Boston  
North Carolina Center for Nonprofits  
North Carolina League of Municipalities  
North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition  
North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations  
Northridge Indivisible  
Ohio Jewish Communities  
Ohio Mayors Alliance  
Ohio Municipal League  
Oklahoma Alliance of YMCAs  
Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits  
Oregon Alliance of YMCAs  
Organizations Concerned About Rural Education  
PACENation  
Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations  
Pennsylvania Municipal League  
Pennsylvania State Alliance of YMCAs  
People's Action  
Personal PAC  
Pine Hill Indian Community Development Initiative  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Police Jury Association of Louisiana  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevention Institute

Progressive Democrats of America  
Protect Our Care  
Providers' Council  
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)  
Public Citizen  
Public Health Accreditation Board  
Rebuild America's Schools Coalition  
Red Wing Family YMCA  
Regional Alliance of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska YMCAs  
RentLab.org  
Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns  
SC Arts Alliance  
Service Employees International Union  
Service Year Alliance  
Shriver Center on Poverty Law  
Sierra Club  
Sourcewell  
South Carolina Alliance of YMCAs  
South Dakota Municipal League  
Southwest Alliance of Ys  
State Alliance of Michigan YMCAs  
SUEZ NA  
Tax March  
Teach Plus  
Texas Association of Counties  
The AIDS Institute  
The Education Trust  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Henry Ford  
The Jewish Federations of North America  
The LION Group  
The Maryland Alliance of YMCAs  
The Nevada Association of Counties  
The United States Conference of Mayors  
The Young Dems of San Joaquin County  
Together SC  
Tzicatl CDC  
UJA-Federation of New York  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters  
United Counties Council of Illinois  
UNITE HERE  
Utah Cultural Alliance  
Utah Nonprofits Association  
Valley of The Sun YMCA  
Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Veterans Outreach  
Virginia Alliance of YMCAs  
Voices for Progress  
Voices of Reason  
VolunteerMatch  
Washington Nonprofits

Washington State Alliance of YMCAs  
Washington State Association of Counties  
West Virginia Association of Counties  
Wisconsin Counties Association  
Wisconsin/U.P. Michigan State Alliance of YMCAs  
Women Employed  
Woodstock Institute  
Worthington Area YMCA  
WV Nonprofit Association  
Wyoming Nonprofit Network  
YMCA at Austin Community Recreation Center  
YMCA Camp Olson  
YMCA of Central Massachusetts  
YMCA of Delaware  
YMCA of Northwest La  
YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region  
YMCA of the USA  
YMCA-RI State Alliance  
YWCA USA  
Zencity  
ZERO TO THREE  
Zipcar