



### Key Resources:

- See how your delegation voted on the American Rescue Plan Act through:
  - [The final House vote roll call.](#)
  - [The final Senate vote roll call.](#)
- For social media purposes, find the Twitter handles of your members of Congress [here](#) so you can tag them in your thank-you message.
  - We share sample messages below – we also encourage you to consider adding photos or recorded video messages to your tweets to further personalize the message.
- Identify your members of Congress [here](#).
  - To send thank-you emails, you can either submit your personalized text (template below) through the websites of your members of Congress, or let ANCOR know if you need help identifying congressional staff contacts. For the latter, please reach out to Doris Parfaite-Claude, Federal Advocacy and Research Manager, at [dparfaite-claude@ancor.org](mailto:dparfaite-claude@ancor.org).

### Template Thank You Email to Congressional Offices

Dear [STAFFER NAME]:

I want to thank [TITLE AND NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL] for [HIS/HER] vote to pass the American Rescue Plan Act. As a constituent who [EXPLAIN YOUR TIE TO DISABILITY COMMUNITY], it was deeply meaningful for me to see the inclusion of a targeted and desperately needed increase in funding for the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services program for the duration of the pandemic.

This funding will serve to keep afloat Medicaid disability providers who help people with disabilities live at home in the community, instead of having to move into congregate settings. Given that people with disabilities are far more likely to die if they contract COVID-19 than their peers without disabilities, because of underlying conditions, this funding saves lives. It also helps the frontline staff who assist people with disabilities with tasks that do not allow for social distancing, such as grocery shopping and daily hygiene, by supporting investments in PPE, overtime and hazard pay, and more.

Thank you again for your vote. I hope you will continue to act on behalf of this often overlooked population, and stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

[YOUR SIGNATURE]

### **Sample social media posts:**

[ELECTED OFFICIALS' TWITTER HANDLE] Thank you for voting for the American Rescue Plan Act! It includes increased funding for key #Medicaid #disability support programs which are on the breaking point because of the pandemic. #ForgottenFaces

[ELECTED OFFICIALS' TWITTER HANDLE] Thank you for voting yes on the American Rescue Plan Act! I am grateful because it includes funding to help Medicaid HCBS disability programs survive increased costs from PPE, frontline staff overtime and higher demand.

[ELECTED OFFICIALS' TWITTER HANDLE] As a constituent who [VERY BRIEFLY EXPLAIN YOUR TIE TO DISABILITY COMMUNITY], I am grateful that you voted for HR1319. The bill increased funding for essential Medicaid disability programs during the pandemic.

### **Going the extra mile:**

You can build a stronger relationship with your congressional delegation by organizing video meetings with between those congressional offices, your staff, individuals you support and their families to say thank you and explain why the vote was meaningful. If you need assistance getting started on this, please [reach out to Doris Parfaite-Claude via email](#).