







The Honorable Charles Schumer Majority Leader U.S. Senate Washington, D.C.

[VIA EMAIL]

December 2, 2021

Dear Majority Leader Schumer:

Thank you for your commitment to bringing the Build Back Better Act to the Senate floor for a vote in early December. As we move forward to getting this critical legislation passed out of the Senate, we, the undersigned organizations, write to urge you to do everything in your power to preserve *all* of the critical investments included in the House-passed bill and reject efforts to further reduce or weaken the bill. The Build Back Better budget reconciliation will provide much-needed investments in working and poor people and presents a significant step forward in reducing carbon emissions and building a green economy.

As you know, the Build Back Better Act has already been cut drastically, with some elements of the bill having been stripped entirely, namely Medicare expansion to dental and vision and the Clean Electricity Performance Program, while others have been significantly weakened, such as the prescription drug negotiation plan, the immigration provisions that changed from citizenship to temporary status, and the slashing of funding for public and affordable housing, childcare, education, paid leave and other vital programs our people and our communities need. In order to ensure that the budget's current investments offer tangible improvements to the lives of working and poor people and place the U.S. on a path towards clean energy, nothing else must be cut from the bill.

We appreciate your efforts to enact bold investments in our communities to begin to solve some of our society's biggest challenges and now is the moment to do everything in your power to ensure that we get the best, most inclusive, reconciliation bill possible across the finish line.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, People's Action The Center for Popular Democracy Indivisible The Working Families Party

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AFGE Local 704 Americans for Financial Reform Americans for Tax Fairness Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Black to the Future Action Fund Center for LGBTQ Economic Advancement & Research (CLEAR) Center for the Blue Economy **Community Justice Action Fund** Demos **Economic Policy Institute Economic Security Project Action Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)** Faith in Public Life Family Values @ Work **Groundwork Action HBCU** Collective **Human Impact Partners** Insight Center for Community Economic Development Jobs With Justice Main Street Alliance **MomsRising** NARAL Pro-Choice America National Council of Jewish Women National Employment Law Project National Health Law Program National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) National Partnership for Women & Families National Women's Law Center Oil Change U.S. **Our Revolution** Paid Leave for All ParentsTogether Action Pride at Work **Progressive Change Campaign Committee Progressive Democrats Of America** Showing Up for Racial Justice Sojourners Sunrise Movement Take on Wall Street UltraViolet United for Respect URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity Voices for Progress Women's March

STATE & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

<u>ALABAMA</u> Hometown Action

<u>ARIZONA</u> Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)

<u>ARKANSAS</u> Arkansas Community Organizations Arkansas Public Policy Panel

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment Groundgame LA San Francisco Rising Venice Resistance

<u>CONNECTICUT</u> CT Citizen Action Group <u>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</u> SPACE's In Action (DC/Montgomery County, MD)

<u>DELAWARE</u> Network Delaware

<u>FLORIDA</u> Broward for Progress (FL)

<u>IDAHO</u> United Vision for Idaho

<u>ILLINOIS</u> Jane Addams Senior Caucus ONE Northside The People's Lobby

<u>INDIANA</u> Hoosier Action

<u>IOWA</u> Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

<u>MAINE</u> Maine People's Alliance

MARYLAND Maryland Communities United Our Maryland Progressive Maryland <u>MASSACHUSETTS</u> Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts

<u>MICHIGAN</u> Detroit Action Indivisible Greater Grand Rapids Michigan United

Indivisible Huron Valley Indivisible Livingston County SWIM (Statewide Indivisible Michigan)

<u>MINNESOTA</u> TakeAction Minnesota Communities Organizing Power and Action for Latinoxa

<u>MISSOURI</u> Communities Creating Opportunity Missouri Jobs with Justice Voter Action

<u>NEVADA</u> Indivisible Northern Nevada Make It Work Nevada Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada Action Fund (PLAN Action Fund)

<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u> 350 New Hampshire New Hampshire Youth Movement Rights & Democracy (VT and NH)

<u>NEW JERSEY</u> New Jersey Citizen Action

<u>NEW MEXICO</u> Organizers in the Land of Enchantment (OLÉ)

<u>NEW YORK</u> Churches United for Fair Housing Citizen Action NY Community Voices Heard PUSH Buffalo Strong Economy For All Coalition Sunrise NYC Upper West Side MoveOn/Indivisible Action Group VOCAL-NY

<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u> Action NC Down Home NC

<u>OHIO</u>

Communities United For Action River Valley Organizing

<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u> Indivisible: Narberth and Beyond

<u>WASHINGTON</u> OneAmerica (WA)

<u>WISCONSIN</u> Citizen Action of Wisconsin

<u>WEST VIRGINIA</u> WV Citizen Action Group