



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

[VIA EMAIL]

March 14, 2022

Dear Majority Leader Schumer:

Thank you for your continuing efforts to pass the President's legislative agenda - on climate, care and critical social investments to lower costs for poor and working people - through the Senate. We write to urge you to take up the call from President Biden's State of the Union Address and resume negotiations on the house-passed reconciliation package, begin any necessary committee proceedings, and prepare to bring this critical package of public investments to the Senate floor for a vote in April.

In addition to this call from the President, Senators across your caucus have signaled their willingness to find agreement on a significant piece of legislation. Restarting these negotiations should be pursued energetically, and commitments should be locked in where possible. In order to achieve the expeditious timeline we all agree is necessary, sections of the bill where there is significant agreement should begin moving through the necessary procedural steps. The relevant Senate committees should schedule and hold hearings and markups on portions of the bill in their jurisdiction to work out remaining details, and any provisions that require parliamentary review should receive that attention. This would ensure the Senate is prepared to package the bill together when the time comes for a floor vote.

The urgency of this legislation has only grown since the House passed it in November of 2021. Working people are facing rising costs for food, health care and other necessities and median rent prices rose an astounding 20% in 2021, furthering a national housing crisis. Taking steps to decarbonize and build a green economy becomes more pressing by the day. We are optimistic that you can achieve consensus in the Democratic caucus and deliver passage on most, if not all, of the critical investments the President has laid out. Doing so would provide needed relief to families facing rising costs of healthcare, housing and other necessities, lower energy costs while greening our economy, and strengthen our economy by making the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share. Further, doing so quickly would ensure our communities feel the benefits of

these investments sooner, which is especially important for programs that may take some time to implement.

We appreciate your efforts to enact bold investments in our communities in order 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. These investments will be paid for so long as you make corporations and the rich pay their fair share in taxes. We look forward to working with you to rebuild the momentum around this critical legislation that will help to rebuild trust in the ability of our government to deliver for our people.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know how we can assist in getting this legislation to the President's desk.

Sincerely,

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

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AFGE Local 704
Americans for Tax Fairness
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for LGBTQ Economic Advancement & Research (CLEAR)
Center for the Blue Economy
CODEPINK
Communications Workers of America (CWA)
Demos
Economic Policy Institute
Groundwork Action
Health Care Voices
Japanese American Citizens League
Labor Network for Sustainability
Main Street Alliance
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
National Council of Jewish Women
Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Our Revolution
Oxfam America
P St/Progressive Change Campaign Committee
PolicyLink
Progressive Democrats of America
Sierra Club
Social Security Works
Sojourners

Sunrise Movement
Take on Wall Street
UltraViolet
United for Respect
Women's March
Worker Power Coalition

STATE & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

ALABAMA

Hometown Action

ALASKA

Alaskans Take a Stand

ARIZONA

Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA)
UNITE HERE Local 11

ARKANSAS

Arkansas Community Organizations

CALIFORNIA

ACCE Action
Center for Policy Initiatives
San Francisco Rising
UNITE HERE Local 11
Working Partnerships USA

COLORADO

Colorado Working Families Party
UNE

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Citizen Action Group
Connecticut Working Families
Make the Road Action-CT

DELAWARE

Delaware Working Families Party
Delawareans for Social and Economic Justice
Network Delaware

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Spaces in Action

FLORIDA

New Florida Majority (NewFM)
Organize Florida (OF)

GEORGIA

New Georgia

IDAHO

United Vision for Idaho

ILLINOIS

Action Now

Jane Addams Senior Caucus

Kenwood Oakland Community Organization

ONE Northside

The People's Lobby

INDIANA

Hoosier Action

IOWA

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

KANSAS

Kansas People's Action

KENTUCKY

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth

LOUISIANA

Step Up Louisiana Action

MAINE

Maine People's Alliance

MARYLAND

CASA in Action

Maryland Communities United

Progressive Maryland

MASSACHUSETTS

Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts

MICHIGAN

Detroit Action

Flint Rising

Michigan People's Campaign

Michigan United

MINNESOTA

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha

Take Action Minnesota

MISSOURI

Communities Creating Opportunity

MONTANA

Montana Human Rights Network

NEVADA

Make the Road Nevada

Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada Action Fund (PLAN Action Fund)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

350 New Hampshire

New Hampshire Youth Movement

Rights & Democracy (VT and NH)

NEW JERSEY

Make the Road Action in New Jersey

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Working Families Party

Organizers in the Land of Enchantment (OLÉ)

NEW YORK

Citizen Action NY

Churches United for Fair Housing

Community Voices Heard

Make the Road New York

New York Communities for Change (NYCC)

New York Working Families Party

Strong Economy For All Coalition

Sunrise NYC

VOCAL-NY

NORTH CAROLINA

Action NC

Down Home NC

OHIO

Communities United For Action

River Valley Organizing

Stand Up for Ohio / Ohio Organizing Campaign

OREGON

Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste, Oregon's Farmworker Union

PENNSYLVANIA

215 People's Alliance

CASA in Action

Center for Coalfield Justice

Make the Road Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Stands Up

PUERTO RICO

Taller Salud

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Working Families Party

TEXAS

Texas Organizing Project

Workers Defense Project

VERMONT

Rights and Democracy

VIRGINIA

CASA in Action

New Virginia Majority

WASHINGTON

OneAmerica

Washington Community Action Network

Working Washington

WISCONSIN

Black Leaders Organizing for Communities

Citizen Action of Wisconsin

Leaders Igniting Transformation Action Fund

Wisconsin Working Families Party

WEST VIRGINIA

Our Vote Our Future

WV Citizen Action Group