March 24, 2022

## Dear Senator/Rep:

The undersigned organizations representing millions of people strongly urge you to enact emergency supplemental funding to ensure our nation's capacity to protect our people from COVID-19. The Biden Administration's \$22.5 billion request is needed immediately to purchase more vaccine doses, treatments, and testing. We are counting on you to carry out your responsibility to secure our preparedness for any new wave of coronavirus disease and to do all we can to prevent more deaths now.

We are still suffering from more than 1,200 daily deaths from COVID-19. Cases are declining, but the U.S. is still averaging over 31,000 per day. Eight months ago, our case declines were even greater, but were followed by the grievous Omicron surge. There are signs of rising caseloads elsewhere in the world, with a new variant in Germany causing the new case average to rise 56% from two weeks before, and cases surging in China. Please do not fail to heed the warning signs and the painful lessons of the past: Congress must provide the funds to maintain and advance prevention and treatment.

The Biden Administration has informed Congress that vaccinations, testing, and treatment for the uninsured will run out of money in early April and it will stop taking new treatment and testing claims on March 22, leaving vulnerable communities, including many people of color and front line workers unable to access needed health care to prevent and treat COVID. We are learning that second booster shots may be needed for older people, but funds will not be available to purchase the additional doses. Monoclonal antibody treatments are in short supply, with state allocations expected to be cut by more than 30 percent in the next week.

There are 7 million moderately or severely immunocompromised people in the U.S. The Administration has planned to purchase preventative treatments for them on March 31, to get the months-long manufacture process underway. Without the supplemental funds, the availability of treatment will be delayed.

The billions of dollars for global vaccine distribution must not be delayed, for humanitarian and self-serving reasons. New variants will continue to emerge with worldwide consequences if we do not act. We must continue and expand our early warning research and surveillance in order to protect against disease.

We have treatments and prevention strategies we did not have months ago. Your swift funding approval is needed to prevent needless deaths and illness. Coronavirus spread continues to be an emergency, and funding offsets should not be required. In the public

interest, please do not delay any longer, and approve the Biden Administration's emergency supplemental funding request for COVID-19.

Sincerely,

**2Life Communities** 

A World Fit for Kids!

**Action Wellness** 

ADAP Advocacy Association

ADAPT Montana

Addiction Connections Resource

AFL-CIO

African American Health Alliance

**AIDS Action Baltimore** 

Alabama Arise

Alpha House

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Friends Service Committee

American Geriatrics Society

American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP)

**API Equality-LA** 

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

Autism Society of America

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

Avodah

Baker County Council on Aging

Baltimore NOW (National Organization for Women)

Barrier Free Living Inc.

Be a Hero

**Bellingham Food Bank** Benedictine Sisters of Chicago **Bernardine Franciscan Sisters** Bethlehem Baptist Church Wiley Kennedy Family Life Center Black Women's Blueprint **Bothwell Regional Health Center BPW** Colorado Bread for the World **Brooklyn Community Services** Cal Life ILC California Alliance for Retired Americans California Foundation for Independent Living Centers Candler County CAPSLO Casa Esperanza, Inc. Causa Just::Just Cause Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) Chicago Women's AIDS Project Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County Christ Church UCC - Bronx Multi-Faith Advisory Group Church of St Francis Xavier Church World Service Coalition for Asian American Children and Families Coalition for Non Profit Housing and Economic Development Coalition on Human Needs Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless Community Access National Network (CANN)

**Community Food Advocates** Community Stabilization Project Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes **COVID Survivors for Change** Criminalization of Poverty Project at the Institute for Policy Studies CWA Local 1081 **Cypress Hills Child Care Corporation** D. C. Hunger Solutions Dearborn YMCA **Delta Housing Development Corporation** Dia de la Mujer Latina Disabled in Action of Greater Syracuse Inc. **Disabled In Action of Metropolitan NY** Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC) Doctors for America **Dominican Sisters of Hope Dominican Sisters of Houston** Dominican Sisters of Peace Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa Peace and Justice Office Early Childhood Quality Council **East Bay Housing Organizations Economic Policy Institute Empower Next Generations Endocrine Society** Enlace Chicago **Erie Family Health** 

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Independence Empowerment Center Indivisible Integrated Community Solutions, Inc Islamic Relief USA Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc. Justice in Aging Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes Kentucky Equal Justice Center Khalsa Gurmat Center L&C Ministries LA Community Legal Center and Educational Leadership Conference of Women Religious Leadership Team of the Felician Sisters of North America LeadingAge Long Beach Gray Panthers Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development Mahoning Youngstown Community Action Partnership Mainers for Accountable Leadership Action MaryCatherine Jones Consulting, LLC Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns Matahari Women Workers' Center Meals That Connect Medical Mission Sisters Mercer County Senior Citizen Center Metro New York Health Care for All

MI/Welfare Rights Organization MICAH- Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN) Missouri PTA MomsRising Monroe County Meals on Wheels Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity **MOSAIC Inter-Faith Ministries** Muncie Delaware County Senior Center Musikanten Montana NASW Virginia Natchez Housing Authority National Adult Protective Services Association National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd National Association for Children's Behavioral Health National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners National Association of Social Workers National Association of State Head Injury Administrators National Community Action Partnership National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care National Consumers League National Council of Jewish Women National Council of Jewish Women, Michigan National Education Association National Employment Law Project National Health Care for the Homeless Council National League for Nursing

National Low Income Housing Coalition National NeighborWorks Association National Welfare Rights Organization National Women's Law Center Natural Resources Defense Council NC Counts Coalition NC Justice Center Neighborhood House NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies New Hampshire Hunger Solutions, Inc. New Jersey Association on Correction New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light Ninth Baptist Church Food Bank NJ Peace Action North Alabama Conference United Methodist Women North Carolina Peace Action Northwest Health Law Advocates Nurses for America NWRU Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity, Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters Our Spring Lake Store LLC Partners In Health Pax Christi USA Peace Action Peace Action of Michigan

Peace Action WI

Peace, Justice, Sustainability NOW!

Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

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Protect Our Care

Protect Our Healthcare Coalition RI

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Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)

Public Citizen

R2H Action [Right to Health]

RESULTS

**RESULTS Columbus** 

**Rock Steady Farm** 

RootsAction.org

Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition

San Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen

Sarah Webster Fabio Center for Social Justice

Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Sister of the Holy Cross

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Sisters of Charity Federation

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership

Sisters of Charity, BVM Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, PA Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa Sisters of St. Joseph Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque **SMART** Social Security Works Society of Helpers SOME, Inc. SPAN Parent Advocacy Network Special Day Camp Programs St. Alexius Outreach Ministries St. Charles Borromeo Church Social Justice and Peace Commission St. Francis Center St. Peter's Kitchen Tacoma-Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium TASH TEAM for West Virginia Children, Inc. The Affordable Homes Group, Inc. The AIDS Institute The Collaborative The Ecotopian Society The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

| The Lighthouse   Black Girl Projects                 |
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| The Open Pantry of Greater Lowell                    |
| Thrive DC  |
| Tolentine Zeiser Community Life Center Inc           |
| Transcenter for Youth, Inc                           |
| Treatment Communities of America                     |
| U.S. Vets Homeless Feeding & Housing Services        |
| U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph         |
| UnidosUS   |
| Universal Income Project                             |
| Urban Strategies Council                             |
| Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence |
| Virginia Organizing                                  |
| Voices for Vermont's Children                        |
| VSSTF  |
| WA State Alliance for Retired Americans              |
| Washington Community Alliance                        |
| Washington Food Coalition                            |
| Welfare Rights Organization                          |
| West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation         |
| Youth Development Inc., YDI                          |