

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leader McCarthy:

Today, the majority of Americans are vaccinated, boosters are easily obtainable, testing is widespread and convenient, and there are multiple therapeutics to treat COVID. Now is not the time to undermine all of the progress we've made and leave ourselves exposed to potential challenges in the future. Congress must act now and approve additional funding to prevent losing the tools we need to respond to the pandemic, invest in a return to normalcy, and provide an insurance policy for tomorrow.

If Congress fails to provide additional funding, the consequences of failing to act will be quick and severe. Providers will stop accepting new claims for treating uninsured individuals and shipments of monoclonal antibodies to states will begin to be scaled back. The administration will need to cut back their planned purchases of preventative treatments for the immunocompromised, creating a shortage of these life-saving treatments for the people who need them. If additional doses of vaccines are needed, the country will no longer be able to afford enough boosters for all Americans. We will have significantly reduced testing capacity, lack funding to accelerate research into next-generation vaccines, and be unable to expand our efforts to help vaccinate other countries, increasing the likelihood of potential new variants.

We the undersigned organizations urge Congress to approve this funding as soon as possible to avoid any disruption in our ability to contain the pandemic. This should not be a political or partisan issue. The funding request of about \$70 per person is a price every American would pay to make sure we have the tools we need to keep people safe and schools and businesses open.

It is urgent that Congress acts swiftly to approve the funding for the sake of the country's health and safety.

Signed,

Advancing Health Equity

Advocacy Out Loud

Advocates for Responsible Care (ARxC)

American Federation of Teachers

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

Be a Hero

Black Leaders Organizing for Communities (BLOC)

Care In Action

CentiVox Media Group

Citizen Action of Wisconsin

Coalition on Human Needs

Committee to Protect Healthcare

Consumer Action
Covering NH
COVID Survivors for Change
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
Doctors for America
For Our Future Wisconsin
Futures Without Violence
Georgia Equality
GLAHR Action Network
Health Care for America Now (HCAN)
Health Care Voices
Health Justice
Hispanic Federation
Human Rights Campaign
Indivisible Georgia Coalition
Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta
Kent Street Coalition
Little Lobbyists
MomsRising
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Association of Social Workers
National Council on Independent Living
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Immigration Law Center
Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition
Northridge Indivisible
Nurses for America
Opportunity Wisconsin
Partners In Health
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Protect Our Care
Public Citizen
R2H Action [Right to Health]
Rep GA Institute Inc
RESULTS
Rights & Democracy
RootsAction.org
Social Security Works
Tennessee Health Care Campaign
Union for Reform Judaism
VaxUp SC
WE VOTE WE WIN
West Virginia Citizen Action Group
West Virginia Council of Churches