May 15, 2023

The Honorable Charles Schumer Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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

The 760 undersigned organizations—representing the full breadth of diverse programs that support all of America, every day—are deeply alarmed by calls from some in Congress for very deep cuts in non-defense programs (often referred to as non-defense discretionary appropriations or simply "NDD") for the next fiscal year and possibly beyond. Such cuts would be disastrous for the capacity of the federal government to serve the public, assist those in need, fuel innovation, and address national and global threats.

Non-defense appropriations are a small part of the federal budget—less than one-sixth—yet they fund a wide range of important programs and services that make America run. Examples include: scientific and medical research, medical care for veterans, environmental protections, assistance with housing and child care for low-income families, rural development, support for K-12 education and skills training, financial aid for college students, infrastructure investments in things like sewage treatment, safe drinking water, flood control and navigation improvements, diplomacy, humanitarian aid and development, courts and reentry programs, assistance for small businesses, and other programs for seniors, public health, and many more.

Due in large part to the Budget Control Act of 2011 and subsequent sequestration, NDD funding has not grown significantly. In fact, adjusted for rising costs and population growth, NDD funding is below where it was in 2010. Measured relative to the size of the economy, NDD funding is lower than the average from 1977 through 2022. The turn to austerity following the Great Recession, headlined by the Budget Control Act, had a detrimental impact on the recovery and overall economy, contributing to lower economic growth, higher unemployment rates, and poorer economic outcomes. Constrained NDD funding over the past decade means that many unmet needs have not been addressed or have grown. These NDD programs need more federal investment, not less.

In addition to pressing for deep NDD spending cuts, some policymakers have proposed multiyear statutory caps on appropriations, perhaps more stringent than those set in the Budget Control Act. Experience has demonstrated arbitrary and deep spending caps are equally problematic. Setting caps on discretionary spending for multiple years at a time is unwise and very dangerous since it is unrealistic to attempt to anticipate circumstances and needs further into the future. Doing so would create the risk of serious shortfalls.

Together we call on Congress to reject cuts to NDD appropriations and instead set funding for fiscal year 2024 at a level that recognizes both rising costs and the need for investment in programs important to fostering economic growth and meeting human needs. This principle should apply to all mechanisms used to set appropriations totals, including statutory caps, congressional budget resolutions, and the appropriations process.

Sincerely,

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A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment

& Healing)

AASA, The School Superintendents Association

ABIM Foundation

Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging

Research

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

AcademyHealth Accessia Health

Actors' Equity Association

Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Advocates for Better Children's Diets

After Innocence Afterschool Alliance **AIDS Action Baltimore**

AIDS Alabama

AIDS Foundation Chicago

AIDS United

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program

Alaska Innocence Project

All4Ed

Allergy & Asthma Network

Alliance Care 360

Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine

(AAIM)

Alzheimer's Los Angeles

American Academy of HIV Medicine American Academy of Neurology American Academy of Pediatrics American Alliance of Museums

American Anthropological Association

American Association for College Pharmacy American Association for Dental, Oral, and

Craniofacial Research

American Association for the Advancement of

Science

American Association for the Study of Liver

Diseases

American Association of Colleges for Teacher

Education (AACTE)

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of

Osteopathic Medicine

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy American Association of Neuromuscular &

Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association of Physics Teachers American Association of Service Coordinators American Association of State Colleges and

Universities

American Association of University Professors American Association of Veterinary Medical

Colleges

American Astronomical Society

American Atheists American Brain Coalition

American Cancer Society Cancer Action

Network (ACS CAN) American Chemical Society American Chiropractic Association American College of Physicians American Council on Education American Counseling Association

American Educational Research Association

American Epilepsy Society

American Federation of State, County and

Municipal Employees (AFSCME) American Federation of Teachers

American Gastroenterological Association

American Geophysical Union (AGU)

American Geriatrics Society American Heart Association

American Indian Higher Education Consortium American Institute for Medical and Biological

Engineering

American Institute of Aeronautics and

Astronautics

American Institute of Biological Sciences American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine

American Leprosy Missions American Library Association American Lung Association American Mathematical Society

American Medical Women's Association

(AMWA)

American Mosquito Control Association American Music Therapy Association

American Occupational Therapy Association

American Physiological Society

American Political Science Association American Psychological Association

American Psychological Association Services

American Public Health Association

American Rivers

American Society for Bone and Mineral

Research (ASBMR)

American Society for Clinical Pathology American Society for Microbiology American Society for Nutrition

American Society for Pharmacology and

Experimental Therapeutics

American Society for Reproductive Medicine

American Society for Virology
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Clinical
Psychopharmacology (ASCP)
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neuroradiology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

American Society of Plant Biologists

American Society of Primatologists (ASP)

American Society of Tropical Medicine and

Hygiene

American Speech-Language-Hearing

Association

American String Teachers Association American Urogynecology Society

Americans for the Arts

AnitaB.org

Anxiety and Depression Association of America

APLA Health

Aquatic Plant Management Society Arbor Research Collaborative for Health Arizona Center for Economic Progress

Arthritis Foundation

Arts Education in Maryland Schools

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-

CIO

Associate Vice President, Government and

External Relations, ETS

Associated Executives of Mosquito Control in

New Jersey

Association for Career and Technical Education

Association for Clinical and Translational

Science (ACTS)

Association for Prevention Teaching and

Research

Association for Professionals in Infection

Control and Epidemiology

Association for Psychological Science Association for Women in Science

Association of American Cancer Institutes Association of American Medical Colleges Association of American Universities (AAU) Association of Community College Trustees

(ACCT)

Association of Ecosystem Research Centers Association of Educational Service Agencies Association of Independent Research Institutes Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Association of Latino Administrators and

Superintendents

Association of Maternal & Child Health

Programs

Association of Minority Health Professions

Schools (AMHPS)

Association of Nurses in AIDS Care Association of Population Centers Association of Public and Land-grant

Universities

Association of Public and Land-grant

Universities

Association of Public Health Laboratories Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Association of School Business Officials

International (ASBO)

Association of Schools and Colleges of

Optometry

Association of Schools and Programs of Public

Health

Association of State and Territorial Health

Officials

Association of the Clinicians for the

Underserved (ACU)

Association of University Centers on Disabilities

Association of University Professors of

Neurology

Association of University Professors of

Ophthalmology

Atlanta University Center Consortium

Atlantis Industries, Inc. Autism Society of America

AVAC

Axis Advocacy AZCASE

Basic Education Coalition Baylor College of Medicine

BCCIL

Big Cities Health Coalition

Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Science BioQUEST Curriculum Consortium Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Boys Town

BrightFocus Foundation Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

CA CASE

CAEAR Coalition

California Alliance for Youth and Community

Justice

California Music Educators Association

Carbon180 CARE

Care 2 Prevent

CareerSource Capital Region Center for Disability Rights

Center for Justice and Human Dignity

Chalk Talk Science Project

Champaign County Health Care Consumers

Chicago Jobs Council

Chicago Women's AIDS Project

Chiefs for Change

Child Neurology Foundation Childhood Education International Children's Advocacy Institute Children's Action Alliance Children's Hospital Association

Christian Connections for International Health

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation

Church of Scientology National Affairs Office

City Year, Inc.

ClearCure Biosciences, Inc.

Coalition for Academic Scientific Computation

Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Coalition for National Science Funding

Coalition for the Life Sciences

Code.org CoGenerate

Collaborative for Academic, Social, and

Emotional Learning

Collaborative for Academic, Social, and

Emotional Learning Committee for Children

Committee for Education Funding (CEF)
Community Behavioral Healthcare Association

(CBHA)

Computing Research Association

Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the

Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces

Connecticut Association for Human Services

Conservation Legacy

Consortium of Social Science Associations

Cornell University

Council for Exceptional Children

Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) Council of Administrators of Special Education Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

Council of the Great City Schools Council on Undergraduate Research

COVID Survivors for Change

Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+) Crop Science Society of America

Cure Alzheimer's Fund

cureCADASIL Cyb Llings, Inc

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Defenders of Wildlife

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance Digestive Diseases National Coalition (DDNC) Disabilities Law Program of Community Legal

Aid Society

Disability Law Center

Disability Law Center Massachusetts

Disability Law Colorado Disability Rights Arkansas Disability Rights California

Disability Rights Center New Hampshire

Disability Rights Center of Kansas

Disability Rights Florida Disability Rights Iowa Disability Rights Louisiana Disability Rights Maine

Disability Rights Mississippi Disability Rights New Jersey

Disability Rights New Mexico Disability Rights New York

Disability Rights North Carolina

Disability Rights Oregon

Disability Rights South Carolina Disability Rights Tennessee Disability Rights Vermont Disability Rights Washington

Division of Child and Family Services Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa Peace and

Justice Office Dream.org

Drug Policy Alliance Duke University Earthjustice

EBQ Consulting, LLC

Ecological Society of America Economic Opportunity Institute Economic Policy Institute

Ecumen Parmly Lakeview Apartment

EDGE Consulting Partners Educare Learning Network Education Reform Now Education Through Music Educators for Excellence

Elevate

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation

Empower Missouri Endocrine Society

Energy Sciences Coalition Enterprise Community Partners Entomological Society of America

Epilepsy Foundation

Epilepsy Foundation of America (EFA) Epilepsy Foundations of America (EFA)

Equality California Eskaton Lincoln Manor

Esperanza United (formerly Casa de Esperanza:

National Latin@ Network)

Ethnic Communities Opioid Response Network

-Missouri

Eventide, A Senior Living Community

EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases

Faces & Voices of Recovery

Fair Chance Project/Families United to End

LWOP

Faith in Harm Reduction Family Values @ Work

Federation of American Scientists

Felmers O Chaney Advocacy Board (FCAB)

Fenway Health

Fight Colorectal Cancer

First Planning District Workforce Board

Florida CASE

Focused Ultrasound Foundation

Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)

Forum for Youth Investment

Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research

Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) Friends Committee on National Legislation

Friends of the Earth

Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS,

Tuberculosis and Malaria

Funders Concerned About AIDS

Futures Without Violence Geaux Jobs- LWDA 20 Geological Society of America

Georgia Council for Exceptional Children Georgia Council for Learning Disabilities Georgia Mosquito Control Association Georgia-Council of Administrators of Special

Education

Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses

Association (GAPNA)

Global Campaign for Education-US

Global Health Council

Global Health Technologies Coalition

GO2 for Lung Cancer Golden State Opportunity

Goodwill Industries International, Inc. Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!

Great Plains Association for College Admission

Counseling (GPACAC)

Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels

Groundwork Collaborative GST Michigan Works!

Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) Foundation International (GBSCDIP)

Habitat for Humanity International

Harvard University

Hawai'i Music Educators Association Health & Medicine Policy Research Group Health GAP (Global Access Project)

HealthDataViz

Healthy Teen Network

HealthyWomen

Helminthological Society of Washington

HelpAge USA

Hemophilia Federation of America

Higher Education Consortium for Special

Education (HECSE) Hilarity for Charity (HFC) HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute HIV Medicine Association

Hope Charities

Housing Action Illinois Housing Works, Inc.

Houston Science Policy and Advocacy Group Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

Humanity Speaks

Hydrocephalus Association

IAVI

Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District

IC&RC

Idaho Innocence Project

Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special

Education

Illinois Association for College Admission

Counseling

Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission Illinois Psychological Association

Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness

ImmSchools

Indiana Council of Administrators of Special

Education (ICASE) Indiana Disability Rights Indy Hunger Network

Infectious Diseases Society of America

Innocence Project

Innocence Project of Florida, Inc. Institute for Educational Leadership

Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)

InterAction

International Association for Indigenous Aging International Association of Providers of AIDS

Care

International Public Health Advisors

International Safety Equipment Association

Interstitial Cystitis Association (ICA)

IntraHealth International

Ipas

Jazz at Lincoln Center Jewish Women International Josselyn

Justice in Aging Justice Strategies

Keck School of Medicine of USC Kentucky Innocence Project

KIPP Public Schools Knowledge Alliance Lasker Foundation Latinos for Education

LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on

Alzheimer's Disease)

LeadingAge

Learning Disabilities Association of America

Legal Council for Health Justice

Legal Rights Center Lehigh University Life Unbolted Inc.

Linguistic Society of America

Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.

Lupus Foundation of America Lupus Research Alliance

LWDB 21

Lymphatic Education & Research Network

Lyons Industries, Inc.

Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition Management Sciences for Health

March of Dimes Mass General Brigham Maternity Care Coalition

Mathematical Association of America MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

M-CM Network

Meals on Wheels America Meals on Wheels California

Meals on Wheels of Hillsborough County

Medical Library Association Medicare Rights Center Melanoma Research Foundation Memorial Behavioral Health

Mental Health America

MENTOR

Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation

METAvivor

Michigan Music Education Association

Michigan State University Michigan Works! Association

Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium

Michigan Works! Southwest Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne

Disease

Midwest Innocence Project

Miles for Migraine Mind the Class

Minnesota Administrators for Special Education

Minnesota Music Educators Association Missouri Council of Administrators of Special

Education MomsRising

Monroe Electrical Training Alliance

Montana Innocence Project

Monticello Central School District Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM)

Mosquito and Vector Control Association of

California

Mothers Voices Georgia MPact Global Action Murray County Schools

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Music Travel Consultants NAMI Barrington Area

NAMI Illinois

NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago

NAPHSIS NASTAD

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys National Adult Day Services Association National Adult Protective Services Association

National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the

Good Shepherd

National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity National Alliance for Public Charter Schools National Alliance of Community Economic

Development Associations (NACEDA) National Alliance to End Sexual Violence National Area Health Education Centers

(AHEC) Organization

National Association for Hispanic Elderly National Association for College Admission

Counseling

National Association for Music Education National Association for the Education of Young Children

National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders

National Association of Councils on

Developmental Disabilities

National Association of County and City Health

Officials

National Association of Elementary School

Principals

National Association of Federally Impacted

Schools

National Association of Graduate and

Professional Students

National Association of Housing and

Redevelopment Officials

National Association of Independent Colleges

and Universities

National Association of Music Merchants

(NAMM)

National Association of Nutrition and Aging

Services Programs (NANASP)

National Association of Pediatric Nurse

Practitioners

National Association of Plant Breeders

National Association of School Psychologists National Association of Secondary School

Principals (NASSP)

National Association of Social Workers National Association of Social Workers

(NASW) - Colorado Chapter

National Association of Social Workers, CT

Chapter

National Association of Social Workers, New

York State

National Association of Social Workers, Oregon

Chapter

National Association of State Directors of

Special Education

National Association of State Directors of

Special Education

National Association of Student Financial Aid

Administrators

National Association of VA Physicians and

Dentists

National Association of Vector-Borne Disease

Control Officials

National Association of Veterans Research and

Education Foundation

National Association of Workforce Boards

National Ataxia Foundation

National Behavioral Health Association of

Providers

National Board for Certified Counselors

(NBCC)

National Center for Families Learning National Center for Learning Disabilities National Center for Teacher Residencies

(NCTR)

National Coalition for Food and Agricultural

Research

National Coalition for Literacy National Coalition of STD Directors National College Attainment Network

National Community Development Association National Council for Community and Education

Partnerships (NCCEP)

National Council for Diversity in Health

Professions (NCDHP)

National Council of Churches National Council of Jewish Women

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court

Judges

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics National Council on Alcoholism and Drug

Dependence Maryland Chapter

National Crittenton

National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) National Disease Research Interchange

National Eating Disorders Association

National Eczema Association National Employment Law Project National Harm Reduction Coalition

National Health Care for the Homeless Council

National Health Council

National Healthy Start Association National Hemophilia Foundation National Hispanic Medical Association National Housing Resource Center National Indian Education Association National Juvenile Justice Network National Kidney Foundation

National Leased Housing Association National Multiple Sclerosis Society National National for Youth

National network for Youth

National Network of Public Health Institutes National Network to End Domestic Violence

National Nurse-Led Care Consortium

National Organization for Tardive Dyskinesia

National Organization for Women National Pancreas Foundation (NPF) National Parks Conservation Association National Partnership for Women & Families

National Postdoctoral Association

National Prevention Science Coalition to

Improve Lives

National Psoriasis Foundation

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium

National Rural Health Association

National Safety Council National Skills Coalition

National Summer Learning Association National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition National Task Group / ID & Dementia Practices

National Women's Law Center

Native American Disability Law Center Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Natural Science Collections Alliance

NCJW PA

Nebraska CASE - NASES

NELA Alliance aka Northeast Louisiana

Economic Alliance

Nephcure Kidney International

Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center

Never Use Alone Inc.

New Jersey Mosquito Control Association

New Leaders

New York Academy of Medicine

New York Council Of Administrators of Special

Education Newfield CSD

NH Association of Special Education

Administrators

NMAC

North American Vascular Biology Organization North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence North Carolina Mosquito and Vector Control

Association

North Carolina Music Educators Association North Dakota Protection & Advocacy Project Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in

Vector-Borne Diseases

Northern California Innocence Project

Northern Illinois University Northwest Michigan Works!

Northwestern University Feinberg School of

Medicine **NREA NREAC**

Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs

(NOVA)

Oakland County Michigan Works!

OCHIN

Ohio Innocence Project

Ohio's Hospice

OHSU

Oklahoma Disability Law Center

OraSure Technologies Inc

Oregon Music Education Association

Organizations Concerned About Rural

Education.

Ouachita Workforce Board 81 Overdose Crisis Response Fund

Oxfam America

PA Education Association

PaCASE-Pennsylvania Council of Administrators of Special Education Pacific Northwest Association for College

Admission Counseling

PAI

Parents as Teachers

PATH

Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Pennsylvania Public Health Association

People Power United People with Empathy

Planned Parenthood Federation of America Platelet Disorder Support Association (PDSA)

Playworks

Population Association of America Postpartum Support International

Poverty Project at the Institute for Policy Studies

Power to Decide Prevent Blindness

Prevent Blindness Georgia Prevent Blindness Iowa

Prevent Blindness North Carolina Prevent Blindness Wisconsin Prevent Blindness, Ohio Affiliate

Project Sleep Prosperity Now

Prostate Cancer Foundation Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)

Public Citizen

Public Health Solutions

Public Housing Authorities Directors

Association

Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation

PWN-USA

Radiological Society of North America

Rainbow Cafe LGBTQ Center Ramona Senior Center Rebuild America's Schools

Research!America

Respectful Ways trauma-informed curriculum

RESULTS

Results for America ReSurge International

Richland County Vector Control Rocky Mountain Innocence Center Rural School Advocates of Iowa (RSAI) Rural Schools Association of New York State

Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition Safe States Alliance

Safer Foundation

San Francisco AIDS Foundation

Sandra L. Noe Sandy Hook Promise Save the Children

School Culture and Climate Initiative School Social Work Association of America

School-Based Health Alliance SchoolHouse Connection Second Wind Dreams

SEL4NJ SEL4TX

Service Year Alliance

Sexual Violence Prevention Association (SVPA)

Shot@Life

Silver State Equality-Nevada

Sixth Planning District Local Workforce

Development Board Area 60

SkillSource Regional Workforce Board

SMART Recovery

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of

America

Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC)

Society for Neuroscience

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Society for Research in Child Development Society for Women's Health Research Society of General Internal Medicine Society of Systematic Biologists Society of Women Engineers Soil Science Society of America

Sojourners Solve M.E.

Southeastern Center of Excellence in Vector-

Borne Diseases

Spina Bifida Association Stand for Children

Start Early

State Higher Education Executive Officers

Association

Stony Brook University

Stop TB USA Susan G. Komen Synergenics, LLC.

Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council

Tahirih Justice Center

TB Alliance

Teach For America

Teacher Education Division of the Council for

Exceptional Children (TED)
The Advocacy Institute
The AIDS Institute

The American College of Preventive Medicine The American Orff-Schulwerk Association The American Society for Biochemistry and

Molecular Biology

The Association for Frontotemporal

Degeneration

The Association for Research in Vision and

Ophthalmology (ARVO) The Brain Donor Project THE BRAIN TRUTH The Breakthrough Institute

The Center for Educational Equity at Teachers

College, Columbia University
The Coalition for Health Funding

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment

Station

The Corps Network
The Education Trust
The END Fund

The Exoneration Project

The George Washington University
The Gerontological Society of America

The Juniper Center
The Kennedy Forum
The Lundquist Institute
The Mended Hearts, Inc.

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's

Research

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

The Porchlight Collective SAP

The Seventh Planning District Consortium

Workforce Board (LWDA 70)
The Shriver Center at UMBC
The Shriver Center on Poverty Law

The STARR Coalition
The Wilderness Society

Thresholds

Together for Girls

Tourette Association of America

TPAN

Transgender Resilience Project Treatment Action Group

Treatment Communities of America

Trust for America's Health Trust for Public Land

Tuskegee University College of Veterinary

Medicine (TUCVM)

UAB Heersink School of Medicine

UC San Francisco

UCLA

UMass Chan Medical School

UnidosUS

United to Beat Malaria

University of California System University of California, San diego University of Colorado System

University of Connecticut, Department of

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

University of Michigan University of Rochester University of Virginia

Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!

Urban Education Network of Iowa (UEN)

Urban Underground UsAgainstAlzheimer's

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