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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,

1,000 Days, An Initiative of FHI Solutions 350.org 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 Jersev 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**

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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

Josselvn Just Future Project 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

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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

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