



April 28, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol  
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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, Leader Schumer, and Leader Hoyer:

As members of Future Forum, we write to respectfully request your urgent attention to an issue affecting younger Americans and their families. As you know, the *CARES Act* (P.L. 116-136) provides economic impact payments—or recovery rebates—of \$1200 per eligible individual (\$2400 for married taxpayers filing a joint tax return) and an additional \$500 per qualifying child, with amounts phasing down for higher-income taxpayers.

The term “qualifying child” is defined as a child under age 17 who also meets certain other criteria. This is a narrow definition and does not track the broader definition in the Internal Revenue Code that is typically used to determine when a child can be claimed as a dependent for tax purposes. As a result, under the *CARES Act*, a taxpayer will not receive this \$500 payment for a 17-year-old, an 18-year-old, or a student under age 24. It is also troubling that permanently disabled dependent children of any age are excluded under this narrow definition.

We believe Congress should amend the definition of “qualifying child” in the *CARES Act*, so as to provide a \$500 payment to taxpayers in the case of these dependents. Representative Angie Craig has introduced bipartisan legislation, H.R. 6420, the *All Dependent Children Count Act*, which would accomplish this goal.

There is no good policy rationale for the narrow definition that the *CARES Act* uses. Taxpayers with dependent children of all ages, not simply those with children under age 17, should receive this critical financial support during this unprecedented crisis. We thank you for your leadership during this time and stand ready to work with you to support this request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Angie Craig  
Member of Congress



Eric Swalwell  
Member of Congress



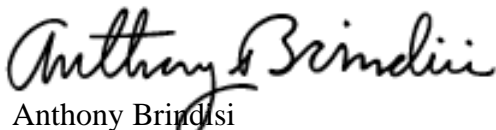
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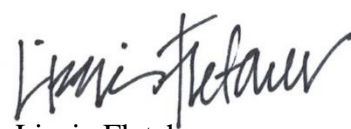
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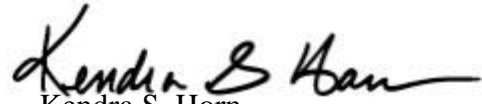
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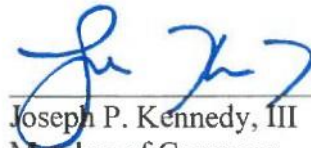
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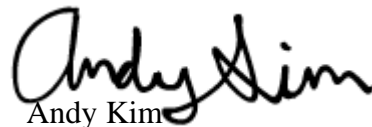
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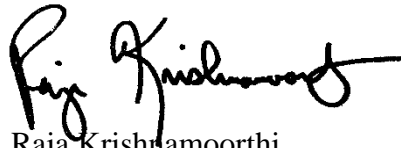
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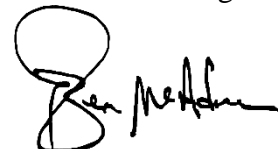
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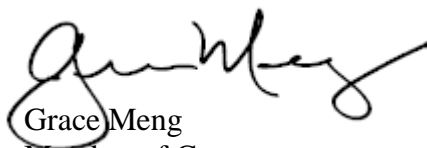
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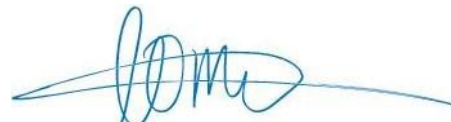
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Cc: The Honorable Richard Neal, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee  
The Honorable Kevin Brady, Ranking Member, House Ways and Means Committee