

January 20, 2010

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Office of the Speaker
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner
Office of the House Republican Leader
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Reid, Senator McConnell, Madam Speaker and Representative Boehner:

As you are aware, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided \$87 billion in fiscal relief to states and localities through an increase in Medicaid assistance (FMAP) and additional funds for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF). This relief has helped stabilize state and local economies, save and create jobs, and cover critical Medicaid and education services at a time when state revenues precipitously dropped due to the economic downturn.

The additional FMAP assistance provided under ARRA is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2010. By this time, states will also have largely exhausted the SFSF. Unfortunately, with the economy in the midst of an uncertain recovery, states are currently faced with shortfalls totaling \$140 billion in fiscal year 2011. Most states, unlike the federal government, begin their fiscal year in July, which means states are already being forced to plan spending cuts and tax increases for FY 2011. Many states have already announced plans to eliminate public sector jobs, decrease funding to safety-net providers and scale back Medicaid coverage if the ARRA fiscal relief is not extended. These state budget cuts will have a ripple effect throughout the economy and, according to economic estimates, could result in the loss of 900,000 jobs.

The undersigned organizations urge you to act now to avoid further job losses by fully extending the FMAP and state fiscal stabilization assistance in ARRA until at least June 30, 2011.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you on this and additional measures that will preserve our social safety net and ensure a timely economic recovery.

Respectfully yours,

National Organizations

9to5, National Association of Working Women
ACCSES
AFSCME
Alliance for Children and Families
American Association of Children's Residential Centers
American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association of People with Disabilities
American Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities
American Counseling Association
American Dance Therapy Association
American Group Psychotherapy Association
American Health Care Association
American Hospital Association
American Humane Association
American Network of Community Options and Resources
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Psychological Association
Amerigroup
Amputee Coalition of America
APSE
Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP)
Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Black Administrators in Child Welfare Inc.
Brain Injury Association of America
Bread for the World
Burton Blatt Institute
Campaign for Community Change
Children's Defense Fund
CLASP (Center for Law and Social Policy)
Clinical Social Work Association
Coalition on Human Needs
Community Access National Network
Community Action Partnership
Consortium for Child Welfare
CORE: Coalition for Residential Education
Corporation for Supportive Housing
CWLA
Dialysis Patient Citizens
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
Easter Seals
Every Child Matters Education Fund
Families USA
Family Preservation Community Services
Family Voices

First Focus
Foster Family-based Treatment Association
HIV Medicine Association
IAFF
International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), AFL-CIO, CLC
The Jewish Federations of North America
Lutheran Services in America
Medicaid Health Plans of America
Mental Health America
Mobile MD
NAACAC, the Association for Addiction Professional
NACAC = North American Council on Adoptable Children
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
National Association for Public Health Policy
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)
National Association of Children's Hospitals
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Association of Counties
National Association of County Human Services Administrators
National Association of Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services
National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems
National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)
National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Collaboration for Youth
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
National Disability Rights Network
National Education Association
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Immigration Law Center
National Latina Health Network
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization of State Associations for Children
National Priorities Project
National Respite Coalition
National Senior Citizens Law Center
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
OMB Watch
OWL - The Voice of Midlife and Older Women
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Project Inform
Psychiatric Institute of Washington
RESULTS
School Social Work Association of America
SEIU
The Arc of the United States
The National Advocacy Center
The Salvation Army Family & Community Services
The Xaverian Brothers
Treatment Access Expansion Project
United Cerebral Palsy
United Neighborhood Centers of America
United Spinal Association and National Spinal Cord Injury Association
Voices for America's Children
YWCA USA

State and Local Organizations

(AK) Alaska Center for Public Policy
(AK) HIV / AIDS Services for African Americans in Alaska
(AL) Alabama Arise
(AL) Legion of Mary
(AL) Southwest Alabama Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board, INC
(AL) YWCA Central Alabama
(AZ) Arizona Association of Counties, Inc.
(AZ) Arizona Council of Human Service Providers
(AZ) Arizona's Children Association
(AZ) Family Service Agency
(AZ) Stand Together and Recover Centers, Inc.
(CA) 9to5 Bay Area
(CA) 9to5 Los Angeles
(CA) Avant-Garde Foster Family and Adoption Agency
(CA) Binational Center for the Development of Oaxacan Indigenous Communities (CBDIO)
(CA) California Alliance of Child and Family Services
(CA) California Church IMPACT
(CA) California Institute for Mental Health
(CA) California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ)
(CA) California Mental Health Directors Association
(CA) California National Organization for Women
(CA) California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
(CA) California Senior Leaders Alliance
(CA) California State Association of Counties
(CA) CARA (California Alliance for Retired Americans)
(CA) Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
(CA) Center for Children and Family Futures
(CA) Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County
(CA) County Welfare Directors Association of California
(CA) El Hogar, Inc.
(CA) Family Care Network, Inc.

(CA) Having Our Say
(CA) Hillview Mental Health Center, Inc.
(CA) Independent Living Resource Center
(CA) Jewish Family Service
(CA) Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley
(CA) Kanana Fou Church
(CA) Lifelong Medical Care
(CA) Maternal and Child Health Access
(CA) Mental Health America of Los Angeles
(CA) National Council of Jewish Women, California
(CA) Opportunity House
(CA) Parent Voices of Sonoma County
(CA) Sacramento Occupational Advancement Resources Inc.
(CA) Senior Volunteers
(CA) Shasta Community Health Center
(CA) Sonoma County Commission on Aids
(CA) St. Mary's Center
(CA) United Way of California
(CA) United Way of Santa Cruz County
(CA) United Way of Silicon Valley
(CA) Valley Housing Foundation
(CO) 9to5 Colorado
(CO) Centennial Mental Health Center
(CO) Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council
(CO) Community Reach Center
(CO) Jefferson Center for Mental Health
(CO) Mental Health Center of Denver
(CO) San Luis Valley Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center
(CO) The Mental Health Center Serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties
(CT) Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc
(CT) Center for Social Research
(CT) City of Bridgeport, Social Services Department
(CT) Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS)
(CT) Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition
(CT) Connecticut Legal Services
(CT) Connecticut Legal Rights Project
(CT) Connecticut Oral Health Initiative
(CT) CT Coalition for Justice in Education Funding
(CT) CT Council of Family Service Agencies
(CT) Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc.
(CT) FSW, Inc. CT
(CT) Glastonbury and Portland United Methodist Charge
(CT) Greater Hartford Legal Aid
(CT) Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT)
(CT) Legal Assistance Resource Center of CT
(CT) Middlesex Coalition for Children
(CT) Morris Foundation, Inc.
(CT) National Association of Social Workers, CT Chapter
(CT) New Haven Family Alliance, Inc.

(CT) New Haven Legal Assistance Association
(CT) POOR PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE
(CT) The Village for Families and Children
(CT) Vecinos Unidos
(DC) District of Columbia Behavioral Health Association
(DE) Children & Families First
(DE) Recovery & Prevention Resources of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc.
(FL) Family Counseling Services of Greater Miami, Inc.
(FL) Florida CHAIN
(FL) Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA)
(FL) Rural Health Partnership
(GA) 9to5 Atlanta
(GA) Families First, Inc.
(GA) Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children
(GA) Georgia Rural Urban Summit
(GA) The Association County Commissioners of Georgia
(GA) The Methodist Home for Children and Youth
(HI) Child & Family Service
(IA) Comprehensive Systems, Inc.
(IA) Exceptional Opportunities, Inc.
(IA) G & G Living Centers, Inc.
(IA) Goodwill of the Heartland
(IA) Handicapped Development Center
(IA) Hills & Dales
(IA) Howard Center, Inc.
(IA) Iowa Association of Community Providers
(IA) Iowa State Association of Counties
(IA) Krysilis
(IA) New Choices Inc. Home Health
(IA) New Choices, Inc.
(IA) New Hope Villiage
(IA) Nishna Productions, Inc.
(IA) Progress Industries
(IA) REM Iowa
(IA) REM Iowa & Nebraska MENTOR
(IA) Story County Community Life Program
(IA) SW IA Latino Resource Center
(IA) The Homestead
(IA) The North Central Sheltered Workshop, dba LifeWorks Community Services
(IA) Village Northwest Unlimited
(IA) West Fork Services, Inc
(IL) AIDS Foundation of Chicago
(IL) Chaddock
(IL) Chicago Democratic Socialists of American
(IL) Child Care Association of Illinois
(IL) CJE SeniorLife in Illinois
(IL) Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of IL (CBHA)
(IL) Goodwill of the Heartland
(IL) Grassroots Collaborative

(IL) GriffinCenter
(IL) Health & Disability Advocates
(IL) Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights
(IL) Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
(IL) Illinois Community Behavioral Healthcare Association
(IL) Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
(IL) Jewish Child and Family Services
(IL) Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
(IL) Kids Hope United
(IL) Lawrence Hall Youth Services
(IL) Lutheran Advocacy—Illinois
(IL) Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
(IL) Metropolitan Family Services
(IL) Northeast Chicago Chapter Older Women's League (OWL)
(IL) Sinai Health System, Chicago
(IL) The H Group
(IN) Agape Respite Care, Inc.
(IN) Centerstone of Indiana
(IN) Centerstone Research Institute
(IN) Cummins Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.
(IN) Family and Children's Center, Inc.
(IN) Family Service Association
(IN) Family Service Association of the Wabash Valley, Inc.
(IN) IARCCA An Association of Children & Family Services
(IN) Indiana Catholic Conference
(IN) Lampion Center
(IN) LifeSpring, Inc.
(IN) Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, Inc.
(KS) Kansas Association of Counties
(KS) Kansas Children's Service League
(KS) Trinity In-Home Care
(KY) Bellewood Presbyterian Home for Children
(KY) Boys and Girls Haven
(KY) Children's Alliance
(KY) Communicare
(KY) Family & Children's Place
(KY) KVC Behavioral HealthCare Kentucky
(KY) Necco
(KY) Pathways, Inc.
(KY) Presbyterian Child Welfare Agency
(KY) SAFY of Kentucky, Inc.
(KY) Seven Counties Services, Inc
(KY) Spectrum Care academy
(LA) Agenda for Children
(MA) Association for Behavioral Healthcare
(MA) Family Services of Central Massachusetts
(MA) Family Services of Greater Boston
(MA) Health Care for All
(MA) Massachusetts Family and Child

(MA) Riverside Community Care
(MA) ServiceNet, Inc
(MA) The MENTOR Network
(MD) AIDS Action Baltimore
(MD) Alliance, Inc.
(MD) Center for Children, Inc.
(MD) Community Behavioral Health Association of Maryland
(MD) Eastern Shore Psychological Services, LLC
(MD) Health Care for the Homeless, Inc.
(MD) Maryland Addictions Directors Council
(MD) Maryland Association of Counties
(MD) Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth
(MD) Maryland Budget & Tax Policy Institute
(MD) Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative
(MD) Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health
(MD) Maryland Disability Law Center
(MD) Maryland Society for Clinical Social Work
(MD) Mental Health Association of Frederick County
(MD) Mental Health Association of Maryland
(MD) Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
(MD) Omni House Inc
(MD) Pro Bono Counseling Project
(MD) Sheppard Pratt Health System
(MD) Simon Publications
(ME) Maine Equal Justice Partners
(MI) Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health
(MI) Catholic Social Services of Oakland County, Inc.
(MI) Eagle Village, Inc.
(MI) Elder Law of Michigan, Inc.
(MI) Family Service Agency of Mid Michigan
(MI) Judson Center
(MI) LifeWays
(MI) Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority
(MI) Michigan Association of Counties
(MI) Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)
(MI) Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority
(MI) West Michigan Community Mental Health System
(MN) Association of Minnesota Counties
(MN) Growth & Justice
(MN) Legal Services Advocacy Project
(MN) Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs, Inc.
(MN) Minnesota Citizens for Tax Justice
(MN) Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
(MN) Minnesota Kinship Caregivers Association
(MN) National Association of Social Workers, Minnesota Chapter
(MN) Pillsbury United Communities
(MN) RESULTS-Domestic, Minnesota
(MN) Take Action Minnesota
(MN) The Arc of Minnesota

(MN) The Minnesota Council of Child Caring Agencies
(MN) Therapeutic Services Agency, Inc.
(MO) Children's Foundation of Mid America
(MO) Family Counseling Center of Missouri, Inc.
(MO) Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
(MO) Preferred Family Healthcare
(MT) Intermountain
(NC) Action for Children North Carolina
(NC) Children and Family Services Association, NC
(NC) Family Service of the Piedmont
(NC) Footprints Carolina, LLC
(ND) Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
(NE) ADAPT NE
(NE) Child Guidance Center
(NE) Kolb Foundation for Disability Education
(NE) Nebraska Association of County Officials
(NE) Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community
(NJ) Bonnie Brae
(NJ) Center for Family Services, Inc.
(NJ) New Jersey Alliance for Children, Youth and Families
(NJ) New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, Inc.
(NJ) New Jersey Policy Perspective
(NJ) New Jersey Tenants Organization
(NJ) Statewide Parent Advocacy Network of New Jersey.
(NM) Community Action New Mexico
(NM) Family Voices
(NM) New Mexico Association of Counties
(NM) New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
(NM) New Mexico Voices for Children
(NV) Community Chest, Inc.
(NV) Health Access Washoe County
(NV) Nevada Association of Counties
(NV) Nevada Health Care Association
(NV) NV Lawyers for Progressive Policy
(NV) Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
(NV) Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada
(NV) Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
(NV) SAFY (Specialized Alternatives for Family & Youth) of Nevada
(NY) Abbott House
(NY) ARISE
(NY) ARISE Child and Family Services
(NY) Behavioral Health Services North
(NY) Catholic Family Center
(NY) Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York
(NY) Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc.
(NY) Community Healthcare Network
(NY) Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies
(NY) Early Care & Learning Council
(NY) Families and Children's Association

(NY) Fiscal Policy Institute
(NY) Gray Panthers of Suffolk County
(NY) Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition
(NY) Healthcare Association of New York State
(NY) Hillside Children's Center
(NY) Hope House Inc.
(NY) Human Services Council of New York City
(NY) Hunger Action Network of NYS
(NY) Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services
(NY) LaSalle School
(NY) Liberty Resources, Inc.
(NY) National Jobs for All Coalition
(NY) New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
(NY) New York City AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN)
(NY) New York City Coalition Against Hunger
(NY) New York State Association of Counties
(NY) New York State Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
(NY) New Yorkers for Accessible Health Coverage Center for Independence of the Disabled
(NY) New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness
(NY) Office of Peace and Justice Sisters of Charity of New York
(NY) Parsons Child and Family Center
(NY) Spectrum Human Services
(NY) Temple Beth Am
(NY) The Children's Village
(NY) Therapeutic Communities Association of New York State
(NY) UJA-Federation of New York, Inc.
(NY) United Neighborhood Houses
(NY) Violence Intervention Program, Inc.
(OH) Alcohol and Drug FREEDOM CENTER of Knox County
(OH) Butler Behavioral Health Services
(OH) Community Mental Health and Recovery Board of Licking and Knox Counties
(OH) Community Services of Stark County
(OH) Community Solutions Association
(OH) Community Support Services, Inc
(OH) Crossroads
(OH) Health Recovery Services Inc.
(OH) Mental Health Services for Clark and Madison Counties, Inc
(OH) Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (OACCA)
(OH) Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers
(OH) Results Columbus
(OH) Specialized Alternatives For Families & Youth of America, Inc.
(OH) Stop Targeting Ohio Poor
(OH) The Neighborhood House, Inc.
(OH) Townhall II
(OK) Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma
(OR) Association of Oregon Counties
(OR) Benton County Mental Health
(OR) Disability Navigators Inc.
(OR) Full Access

(OR) Impact NW
(OR) Independence Northwest
(OR) Living Opportunities, Inc
(OR) Looking Glass Youth and Family Services, Inc.
(OR) Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans
(OR) Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities
(OR) Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition
(OR) Oregon Disabilities Commission
(OR) Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens
(OR) Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center
(OR) The Oregon Rehabilitation Association
(OR) United Seniors of Oregon
(PA) CareLink Community Support Services
(PA) Community Services Group
(PA) County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
(PA) Family and Community Service of Delaware County
(PA) Family Answers
(PA) Family Service Association
(PA) Family Services of NWPa
(PA) Family Services of Western Pennsylvania
(PA) JEVS Human Services
(PA) Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia
(PA) Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
(PA) Lenape Valley Foundation
(PA) Methodist Home for Children
(PA) Parental Stress
(PA) Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center
(PA) Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition
(PA) Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children
(PA) Pressley Ridge
(PA) UCP/CLASS
(RI) Gateway Healthcare, Inc
(RI) Ocean State Action
(SC) Carolina Youth Development Center
(SC) Children's Trust of South Carolina
(SD) South Dakota Association of County Commissioners
(SD) South Dakota Association of County Officials
(SD) South Dakota Council of Mental Health Centers, Inc.
(SD) South Dakota Council of Substance Abuse Directors, Inc.
(TN) Advantage Behavioral Health
(TN) Centerstone of Tennessee
(TN) Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations
(TN) Tennessee Respite Coalition
(TN) The Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare
(TX) ACCESS MHMR
(TX) Border Region Metal Health Mental Retardation Center
(TX) Center for Public Policy Priorities
(TX) DePelchin Children's Center
(TX) Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc

(TX) Family Services of Southeast Texas
(TX) Houston Peace News
(TX) La Fe Policy Research & Education Center
(TX) LifePath Systems
(TX) Senior Community Outreach Services, Inc.
(TX) Tarrant County CHIP Coalition
(TX) Texans Care for Children
(TX) Tri-County MHMR
(UT) Anti-Hunger Action Committee
(UT) Bear River Mental Health Services, Inc.
(UT) Coalition of Religious Communities
(UT) Disabled Rights Action Committee
(UT) Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
(UT) Salt Lake Community Action Program
(UT) Southwest Behavioral Health Center
(UT) Utah Association of Counties
(UT) Wasatch Mental Health
(VA) Institute of Social Medicine & Community Health
(VA) Loudoun Community Health Center
(VA) Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads
(VA) Prevent Child Abuse Virginia
(VA) Project Community, Inc.
(VA) Virginia Association of Counties
(VA) Virginia Association of Personal Care Assistants, Local 5
(VT) VT Affordable Housing Coalition
(WA) Family Service Spokane
(WA) International Community Health Services
(WA) Navos
(WA) Northwest Federation of Community Organizations
(WA) Triumph Treatment Service
(WA) Washington Community Action Network
(WA) WFSE 304 / Council 28
(WA) Willapa Behavioral Health
(WA) Women's Coalition of Washington
(WI) 9to5 Milwaukee
(WI) Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups
(WI) Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin
(WI) One Wisconsin Now
(WI) Respite Care Association of Wisconsin
(WI) St Rose Youth & Family Center
(WI) Wisconsin Association of Family and Children's Agencies
(WI) Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
(WI) Wisconsin Jewish Conference and Wisconsin Personal Services Association
(WV) County Commissioners Association of West Virginia
(WV) West Virginia Association of Counties