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TO: President Joseph Biden

We were happy to see a majority of Congress standing strong against recent attempts by an extreme minority in the House to force painful cuts to critical domestic programs. We also appreciate your Administration's [emergency supplemental funding request](#) for domestic investments to address urgent needs and avert funding cliffs for disaster relief, broadband access, and child care.

However, this supplemental request, while critical to meeting urgent needs, is far from sufficient to address the underlying challenges facing workers, families, and communities.

Under your Administration, and thanks to the big public investments you have fought so hard for, we are in the midst of a record-breaking economic recovery. Last month marked the 20th straight month that unemployment has been below 4 percent – a level many economists thought was not possible. This is empowering workers to band together and demand more, leading to strong wage growth and a wave of union organizing and action. And all of these investments in workers and families are paying off in the form of 4.9 percent real economic growth last quarter.

But extremists in Congress are trying to undo these successes. Please do not allow them to put this economy at risk.

Our coalition, which represents communities across the country fighting for a just and inclusive economy, expects you to reject any funding vehicle that cuts a penny more from the critical programs that enable our economy to thrive.

For decades, Congress has failed to adequately fund non-defense discretionary (NDD) programs, such as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Head Start, housing assistance, and the administration of Social Security, as well as K-12 and higher education, scientific research, and infrastructure. This chronic underfunding undermines the impact of these life-saving, economy-building programs.

[Polls](#) consistently show that Americans oppose cuts to essential programs and support reinvesting our tax dollars back into our communities, whether it's for teacher's salaries, clean drinking water, or ensuring that every child has enough healthy food to succeed. These public investments make our economy more stable, families more secure, and our nation safer.

The Fiscal Responsibility Act will already force painful cuts to many of the programs that Americans rely on for their economic stability.

With another threat of a government shutdown looming, we urge you and members of Congress to brush aside the threats of a small group of extremists and prioritize delivering appropriations bills that invest in workers, families, and communities, and keep this strong, inclusive economy humming.

Sincerely,

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