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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Minority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader Jeffries,

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your defensive advocacy for immigrant families in the past legislative sessions. On behalf of the Protecting Immigrant Families (PIF) Coalition, a network of more than 800 organizations nationwide representing national, state, and local health, children-focused, education, housing, anti-hunger, immigration reform, and anti-poverty advocates and faith leaders, we write to urge the incoming Democratic majorities to repeal P.L. 119-21 (the so-called *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*) immediately in the 120th Congress and to ensure the repeal of the immigrant eligibility provisions therein.

As you know, P.L. 119-21 significantly restricted non-citizen eligibility for Medicaid, Medicare, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace coverage as well as the Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Child Tax Credit (CTC), among other significant benefits cuts and immigration enforcement provisions. The immigration-related cuts disproportionately impacted immigrants with humanitarian statuses, such as refugees, asylees, parolees, and survivors of trafficking or abuse, as well as Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) originally estimated that 1.4 million lawfully present immigrants would become uninsured as a result of the law.[1] Several states have estimated Medicaid coverage losses due to immigrant eligibility restrictions amounting to 730,000 immigrants in New York, 7,000 immigrants in Oregon, 7,000 immigrants in Colorado, and up to 2,400 immigrants in Hawaii.[2] Similarly, Wisconsin and Minnesota estimate that 7,200 and 9,000 immigrants, respectively, will lose access to SNAP in their states.[3]

These and other benefits cuts within P.L. 119-21 have exacerbated the affordability crisis for families, with CBO estimating that families in the lowest income decile will lose approximately $1,600 per year over nine years.[4] A repeal of P.L. 119-21 would significantly bolster families' ability to meet everyday costs, repair states' budgets, claw back outsized spending on immigration enforcement, and restore safety net access for citizens and noncitizens alike. Moreover, a 2026 PIF poll found that a bipartisan supermajority (83%) of Americans want lawfully present immigrants to be able to get the care and help they need.[5] We are supportive of plans to repeal P.L. 119-21 and urge you to ensure any effort to repeal any or all of the law includes all of the immigrant eligibility restriction provisions:

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[1] Congressional Budget Office. Distributional Effects of Public Law 119-21. August 11, 2025.
[2] Ben D'Avanzo and Yarely Martinez-Lopez. Hundreds of thousands of immigrants are losing health care and food aid thanks to congress. National Immigration Law Center. July 15, 2026.
[3] Ibid.
[4] Congressional Budget Office. Distributional Effects of Public Law 119-21. August 11, 2025.
[5] Perry Undem. Americans' Views on Immigration Enforcement and Access to Benefits for Immigrant Families. April 14, 2026.

- **Sec. 10108.** Alien SNAP eligibility
- **Sec. 70104(b).** Extension and enhancement of increased child tax credit
- **Sec. 71109.** Alien Medicaid eligibility
- **Sec. 71110.** Expansion FMAP for emergency Medicaid
- **Sec. 71201.** Limiting Medicare coverage of certain individuals
- **Sec. 71301.** Permitting premium tax credit only for certain individuals
- **Sec. 71302.** Disallowing premium tax credit during periods of medicaid ineligibility due to alien status
- **Sec. 71303**. Requiring verification of eligibility for Premium Tax Credit

The above recissions are also included in part in H.R.9432, the *Lifting Immigrant Families Through Benefits Access Restoration Act* (LIFT the BAR Act), which additionally addresses coverage restrictions for lawfully-present immigrants passed in 1996. We thus recommend the inclusion of the LIFT the BAR Act within a P.L. 119-21 repeal package.

We stand ready to serve as a resource as you plan for P.L. 119-21 repeal as well as other legislative solutions for the well-being and safety of immigrant families. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
*PIF Coalition Steering Committee members*

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

California Immigrant Policy Center

Center for Law and Social Policy

Children's Defense Fund - Texas

Community Catalyst

Food Research & Action Center

Justice in Aging

Legal Council for Health Justice

Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition

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