

September 29, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

We, the undersigned organizations and companies who support the Credit for Caring Act (H.R. 3321), applaud the inclusion of a family caregiver tax credit consistent with this bill in the legislation approved by the House Ways & Means Committee on September 15. We urge you to include this family caregiver tax credit in the final version of the budget reconciliation package. The committee took this important action to support family caregivers and we ask you to do the same.

Family caregivers are the backbone of services and supports in this country. They help make it possible for older adults, people with disabilities, and veterans to live independently in their homes and communities. Most of us are, have been, or will be a family caregiver or will need help to live independently. This is an ageless and nonpartisan issue. Family caregivers are all ages, races, and ethnicities and cut across all segments of our population. The physical, emotional, and financial challenges they face in their caregiving roles cannot be overstated and, for many, the challenges have increased with COVID-19.

There is also a significant economic impact as family caregivers provide about \$470 billion annually in unpaid care to their loved ones. In addition, they face out-of-pocket expenses to assist their loved ones as well as potential income and retirement savings foregone. An AARP report found that family caregivers spend, on average, 26 percent of their income on caregiving expenses or \$7,242 annually. Hispanic/Latino and African American caregivers reported greater financial strain. Assistance from family caregivers helps save taxpayer dollars by helping to delay or prevent more costly nursing home care and unnecessary hospital stays.

The modified version of the Credit for Caring Act passed by the Ways & Means Committee would create a new, non-refundable federal tax credit of up to \$2,000 for eligible family caregivers to help address the financial challenges of caregiving. Eligible family caregivers caring for loved ones of all ages could receive the credit if the care recipient meets certain functional or cognitive limitations or other requirements. This tax credit would help family caregivers who care for non-dependents or who do not live with the person they are assisting.

We look forward to working with you to make this tax credit a reality for family caregivers nationwide. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Richards at [r-richards@aarpp.org](mailto:r-richards@aarpp.org).

Sincerely,

AARP  
ACCSES  
ADAPT Montana  
Aging Life Care Association  
Allies for Independence  
ALS Association  
Alzheimer's Association  
Alzheimer's Impact Movement  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Heart Association  
American Parkinson Disease Association  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health (AAPCHO)  
Black Women's Roundtable  
California Association of Caregiver Resource Centers  
Caregiven  
Caregiver Action Network (CAN)  
Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's  
Easterseals  
Family Caregiver Alliance/National Center on Caregiving  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Healthcare Leadership Council  
Home Care Association of America  
Huntington's Disease Society of America  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Justice in Aging  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Little Tokyo Service Center  
Lyft  
Lymphoma Research Foundation  
Medicare Rights Center  
Mom's Hierarchy of Needs  
myFloc  
National Alliance for Caregiving  
National Association of Chain Drug Stores  
National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)  
National Brain Tumor Society  
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation  
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care  
National Council on Aging  
National Federation of Filipino American Associations  
National Marrow Donor Program/Be The Match  
National MS Society  
National Partnership for Women and Families  
National Respite Coalition

National Spine Health Foundation  
Parkinson's Foundation  
Pioneer Network  
PMD Alliance  
ShareTheCaregiving, Inc.  
The Elizabeth Dole Foundation  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers  
Third Way  
Triage Cancer  
United Cerebral Palsy  
UsAgainstAlzheimer's  
Well Spouse Association

cc: Chairman McGovern, House Committee on Rules  
Ranking Member Cole, House Committee on Rules