Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Chair Durbin and Chair Padilla:

Thank you for your commitment to advancing the Build Back Better Act and your support of immigrant communities. The undersigned organizations write to urge you to preserve the immigrant visa recapture and enhanced green card processing provisions in the House-passed bill and exercise all influence to move them forward for Senate passage. The Build Back Better budget reconciliation will provide much-needed relief for immigrant family members stuck in the backlogs and reunite American families separated for years, if not decades.

There are currently around four million people in the family immigration backlogs waiting to reunite with their loved ones. The average wait time for a permanent resident to sponsor an unmarried son or daughter from Mexico is over 21 years; a U.S. citizen sponsoring a sibling from the Philippines would take an average of 20 years. The growing employment-based backlogs are mostly comprised of Indian families on H-1B visas who live in limbo in temporary

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status with their children facing loss of status when they turn 21. These provisions offer a necessary reprieve to immigrant community members who are kept waiting due to bureaucratic processing delays, numerical limits, and COVID-related shutdowns.

We would appreciate your leadership and persistent efforts to advance an inclusive reconciliation package that presents a critical opportunity to reform our federal immigration system. We respectfully urge you to retain and move forward the visa recapture and enhanced green card processing provisions in the budget reconciliation package that will give families much needed relief.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Value Our Families Steering Committee Members
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Church World Service
HANA Center
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership in Ohio
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American Friends Service Committee
American Immigration Lawyers Association
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
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Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
Center for American Progress
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers
Church World Service
Communities United for Status and Protection
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd U.S. Provinces
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel
Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Faith in Public Life
Faiths for Safe Water
Families Belong Together
Farmworker Justice
First Focus Campaign for Children
Franciscan Action Network
Freedom Network USA
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Futures Without Violence
FWD.us
Hanan Refugees Relief Group
Immigration Hub
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia
Japanese American Citizens League
Justice Action Center
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
(NAPAWF) National Council of Asian Pacific Americans
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA)
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Justice for Our Neighbors
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA)
Oxfam America
Presente.org
Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
Revolutionary Love Project
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
South Asian Americans Leading Together
(SAALT) South Asian Public Health Association
(SAPHA)
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
The Center for Law and Social Policy
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
UndocuBlack Network
Union for Reform Judaism
Woodhull Freedom Foundation

**Arizona**
AZ AANHPI for Equity

**Alabama**
Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice

**Arkansas**
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**California**
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Los Angeles
Asian Law Alliance
Central American Resource Center of Northern CA - CARECEN SF
Change Begins With ME (Indivisible)
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Equality California
Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Service (IRIS)
Progressive Asian Network for Action
San Jose Nikkei Resisters
SEE-LA(Social Eco Education-Los Angeles)

**Colorado**
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

**Connecticut**
Connecticut Shoreline Indivisible

**District of Columbia**
Central American Resource Center
JAMAAT - Jews and Muslims and Allies Acting Together

**Georgia**
Asian Americans Advancing Justice
Justice-Atlanta North Georgia Immigrant Justice

**Idaho**
Centro de Comunidad y Justicia

**Illinois**
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago
HANA Center

**Maine**
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
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**Maryland**
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Rising Voices

**Minnesota**
Release MN8

**Nevada**
Make the Road Nevada
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Silver State Equality

**New Jersey**
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center

**New Mexico**
New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty
Upaya Zen Center

**New York**
Academy of Medical & Public Health Services
ACCESS of WNY
Asian American Federation
Make the Road New York
MinKwon Center for Community Action
New York Conference UMC Board of Church and Society
New York Immigration Coalition
Sampreshan Inc
Western New York Peace Center
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North Carolina Justice Center

**Ohio**
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**Oregon**
Immigrant Refugee Community Organization
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Human Rights Initiative of North Texas
Interfaith Welcome Coalition - San Antonio
Justice for Our Neighbors El Paso
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Hamkae Center
Progress Virginia
Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights

**Washington**
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Khmer Anti-deportation Advocacy Group (KhAAG)
Latino Community Fund of Washington State
Latinos Promoting Good Health
Tabco Analytical