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Senator Charles E Schumer  
Hart Senate Office Building, 322  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schumer,

The future of New York City hinges on sufficient support from the federal government. The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting deep economic downturn are wreaking havoc on the city's budget and the health and economic well-being of millions of its people.

**New York City Federal Budget and Tax Response Team** – who represent the majority of the city's major 250 human service nonprofit providers and together serve more than three million residents each year fighting poverty, supporting the vulnerable, and caring for people of all ages – **call upon you to stand firm for a comprehensive stimulus package.**

Additionally, **FPWA's membership of more than 160 faith and community-based organizations** – who reach more than 1.5 million people in New York's communities each year – **have signed on to this letter.**

Collectively and individual, our coalition has [written](#) and spoken with you and all New York City members of Congress about the need for the next relief package to be robust enough to meet the needs of the moment *and* build a foundation for a just recovery. We have submitted [more than thirty policy recommendations](#) to support human services nonprofits, the people they assist, and their workforces. Forthcoming stimulus legislation must continue such provisions as: state and local aid; the \$600 Pandemic Unemployment Compensation; expansion of SNAP and FMAP; enhancement of charitable giving; and supports to nonprofits organizations.

We are deeply grateful for your leadership in recognizing that many of these provisions must be built upon too, such as by tying unemployment benefits to economic conditions based on the health of the economy in a particular state as proposed in you and your colleagues' [American Workforce Rescue Act](#) and investing in communities of color as proposed in you and your colleagues' [Economic Justice Act](#).

Appreciating your critical role in negotiating a deal between the House-passed HEROES Act and the GOP proposals, and our eagerness to support your efforts, **we respectfully offer the following questions to help our and our partners' local and national advocacy strategies.**

- Will you commit to not agree to ANY short term or piecemeal package? This package needs to be large and comprehensive.
- There are parts of the package that seem to be falling away such as SNAP benefit increases, Puerto Rico, Rental Assistance, FMAP increases, and refundable tax credits (EITC and CTC) others. Can you help ensure these priorities stay in any package that does move forward?
- Is getting mixed immigrant status households access to cash assistance payments a priority?
- On key provisions, such as UI, housing, food assistance, and state aid, which members of the GOP are you negotiating with?



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We deeply appreciate your understanding and commitment to fighting poverty and supporting organizations that lead these efforts and look to you to include us in forthcoming stimulus legislation.

*This Letter was Prepared by the New York Federal Tax and Budget Response Team. The Response Team works together to protect and strengthen federal human services programs and policies that support low- to middle-income New Yorkers. We are a state-based coalition whose members include FPWA, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York, UJA- Federation of New York, Fiscal Policy Institute, New York Housing Conference, LiveOn NY, Human Services Council of New York, United Neighborhood Houses, Food Bank For New York City, Urban Justice Center, Children’s Aid, and Nonprofit New York. Together, the umbrella organizations represent hundreds of faith-based and human-service organizations and serve together more than 3 million New York City residents each year.*

*Below is a list of FPWA membership that have signed onto this letter:*

- Abbott House
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- Afro-American Parents Day Care Center
- Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Allen Women's Resource Center
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- Bethany Baptist Church
- Bethany Day Nursery
- Black Veterans for Social Justice
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- Bronx Bethany Community Corporation
- Bronxdale Tenants League Day Care Center
- Brooklyn Community Services
- Brooklyn Kindergarten Society
- Calvary Fellowship AME Church
- Carter Burden Network
- Central Family Life Center
- Chapin Home for the Aging
- Children of Promise
- Chinese American Planning Council
- Chinese Methodist Center Corporation
- Church of the Holy Trinity - Manhattan
- Church of the Living Hope
- Claremont Neighborhood Centers
- Clergy United for Community Empowerment
- Colony-South Brooklyn Houses
- Community Centers Inc. of Greenwich
- Community Healthcare Network
- Community Life Center
- CONNECT NYC
- Co-op City Baptist Church
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- Directions for Our Youth (DFOY)
- East Harlem Block Nursery, Inc.
- East Harlem Tutorial Program
- East Side House, Inc.
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- Everyday is a Miracle
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- Forestdale, Inc.
- Fort Greene Council, Inc.
- Fort Washington Collegiate Church
- Friendly Hands Ministry, Inc.
- Getting Out and Staying Out
- Goddard Riverside Community Center
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- Grace Episcopal Church, West Farms
- Graham-Windham
- Grand Street Settlement
- Greenhope Services for Women, Inc.
- Hamilton-Madison House
- Harlem Congregations for Community Imprc
- Harlem Dowling-Westside Center For Childr
- Hartley House
- Heights and Hills, Inc.
- Henry Street Settlement
- Highbridge Advisory Council
- Homecrest Community Services
- Housing Plus
- Hudson Guild
- Incarnation Center, Inc.
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- Isabella Geriatric Center
- Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope Spiritual Baptist
- Islamic Leadership Council of New York
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Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York  
LIFT-NY  
Long Term Care Community Coalition  
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Lutheran Social Services of New York  
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Mental Health Association  
Metropolitan AME Church  
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New Alternatives for Children  
New York City Mission Society  
New York Memory Center  
New York Therapeutic Communities-Stay'n Out  
North Bronx National Council of Negro Women  
Northeast Bronx Day Care Centers  
Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation-NMIC  
Northside Center for Child Development  
NYC Employment and Training Coalition (NYCETC)  
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Open Door Child Care Center  
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