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The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Economic Security Priorities for Third COVID-19 Stimulus Package

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights is a coalition of more than 220 national organizations working to build an America as good as its ideals. We are supportive of the efforts of our many coalition members who are fighting on all fronts to make sure that people in America can access the relief and assistance they need in these unprecedented times. Our coalition's economic security priorities are broad, but it is essential that relief and assistance for the most vulnerable communities, including people with disabilities, older people, people of color, and immigrants, must be at the core of any relief and aid efforts. We are in the process of putting together a comprehensive list supported by the full coalition to inform future action following the third supplemental package.

This includes:

- Ensuring that all people in America are able to access the care needed to stay safe and healthy;
- Protecting the most vulnerable working people in our nation by ensuring access to paid sick and family leave for every working person, unemployment insurance, and health and safety protections for people working on the front lines of this crisis;
- Providing relief for people in America at risk of housing or financial instability: people should not have to worry about losing their homes or credit because of a public health crisis, and it is imperative that we address the needs of people who are homeless; and
- Ensuring targeted relief for the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, which has been the target of racist and xenophobic attacks since the outset of this pandemic.

The Leadership Conference believes that the overarching principles below must dictate how we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic both now as well as in the coming years as we continue to see the economic impact of this crisis.

Overriding principles in responding to COVID-19 and a recession:

1. Dramatic steps are needed to prevent loss of life on a massive scale; we need economic policy responses that enable those steps and that protect individuals, families, and communities, and frontline workers (broadly defined) from their fallout.
2. Actions to address this public health crisis should be tied to efforts to help those most harmed and our most vulnerable communities, rather than subsidizing financial markets or corporate profits. Where businesses/sectors of our economy are assisted, this assistance should be tied to concrete benefits for public health and to their employees, and concrete assistance for vulnerable people in America.
3. There should be an automatic trigger that renews whatever relief that is secured now for later in 2020 or 2021.

4. No poison pill riders (such as the Hyde amendment) in any stimulus.
5. No transfer authority that would allow money meant to address the impacts of COVID-19 to be shifted to the Department of Homeland Security or any other agency to fund border wall construction or detain immigrants.
6. No waiver of anti-discrimination provisions in any supplemental funding deals or stimulus packages
7. All territories must explicitly be included in aid.
8. We must directly target aid to vulnerable people in our country without intermediaries whenever possible. Putting cash assistance into the hands of people in our country is one example of this.
9. The timeline of relief must be tied to the end of any recession, not just to the end of the COVID-19 outbreak, as people will feel the economic impacts of this crisis for years to come.
10. Statutes of limitations for filing claims in federal courts and administrative bodies should be automatically stayed for the duration of the public health emergency.

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