

June 29, 2021

Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to co-sponsor the bipartisan Credit for Caring Act (H.R. 3321). 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.

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. 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. 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 \$7,240 annually. Their assistance helps save taxpayer dollars by helping to delay or prevent more costly nursing home care and unnecessary hospital stays.

The Credit for Caring Act would create a new, non-refundable federal tax credit of up to \$5,000 for eligible working family caregivers to help address the financial challenges of caregiving. Eligible working 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.

The Credit for Caring Act is an important step for Congress to show their support for family caregivers and we ask for your support by co-sponsoring H.R. 3221. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Richards at rrichards@arp.org.

Sincerely,

100 Black Men of America, Inc.
AARP
ACCSES
ADAPT Montana
Aging Life Care Association
Alliance for Aging Research
Allies for Independence
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Impact Movement
American Association on Health and Disability

American Heart Association
American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)
American Parkinson Disease Association
Care.com
Caregiven
Caregiver Action Network (CAN)
Center for Black Equity
Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's
Estopinan TK2 Medical Treatment Foundation
Family Caregiver Alliance
Family Voices
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Gulf Coast ADAPT
Healthcare Leadership Council
Home Care Association of America
Huntington's Disease Society of America
Justice in Aging
Lakeshore Foundation
Little Tokyo Service Center
Lymphoma Research Foundation
Medicare Rights Center
Mom's Hierarchy of Needs
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Asian Pacific Center on Aging
National Association for Home Care & Hospice
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)
National Association of Chain Drug Stores
National Black Justice Coalition
National Brain Tumor Society
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
National Council on Aging
National Council on Independent Living
National Federation of Filipino American Associations
National Fragile X Foundation
National MS Society
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Respite Coalition
OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates
Parkinson's Foundation
Pioneer Network
The Arc of the United States
The Elizabeth Dole Foundation
The Foundation to Eradicate Duchenne
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers

Triage Cancer
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Well Spouse Association