

July 14, 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 \$7,242 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](mailto: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  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health (AAPCHO)  
Autism Society of America  
Care.com  
Caregiven  
Caregiver Action Network (CAN)  
Center for Black Equity  
Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's  
Easterseals  
Esperanza  
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  
Japanese American Citizens League  
The Jewish Federations of North America  
Justice in Aging  
Lacuna Loft  
Lakeshore Foundation  
LatinosAgainstAlzheimer's  
Little Tokyo Service Center  
Lymphoma Research Foundation  
Medicare Rights Center  
Mom's Hierarchy of Needs  
Morehouse School of Medicine - Satcher Health Leadership Institute  
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National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys  
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 Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)  
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 Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA)  
National MS Society  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
National Respite Coalition  
National Spine Health Foundation  
OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates  
Parkinson's Foundation  
Pioneer Network  
PMD Alliance  
SAGE  
ShareTheCaregiving, Inc.  
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  
Third Way  
Triage Cancer  
United Cerebral Palsy  
United Way Worldwide  
UsAgainstAlzheimer's  
Walgreens  
Well Spouse Association