



May 31, 2018

The Honorable Robert A. DeLeo  
Speaker of the House  
State House, Room 356  
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Jeffrey Sánchez  
Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means  
State House, Room 243  
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Stephen Kulik  
Vice Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means  
State House, Room 238  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Speaker DeLeo, Chairman Sánchez, Vice-Chair Kulik:

The many groups listed below are writing to **thank you for Lifting the Cap on Kids in the House budget**. Your action led the way for the Senate to include family cap repeal in its budget.

We hope that the Conference Committee will agree to repeal the family cap effective January 2019 rather than July 2019. Because of the savings from the drop in the caseload (a decline of over 1,400 cases since December 2017), the Conference Committee can repeal the family cap effective January 2019 without substantially adding to the House proposed appropriation for TAFDC.

We very much appreciate what you have done thus far to reverse this unjust policy that hurts vulnerable children. We are grateful for your leadership.

Very truly yours,

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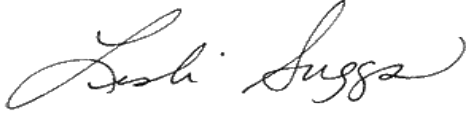
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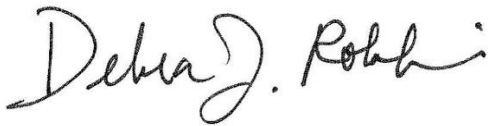
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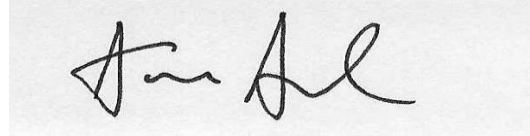
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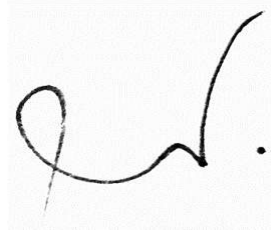
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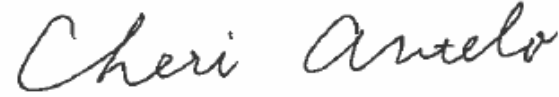
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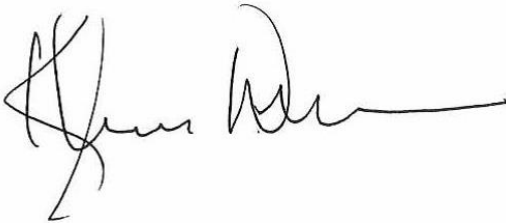
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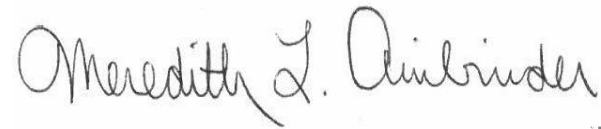
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On behalf of our 120 organization partners listed below:

# Supporting Organizations

1199 SEIU  
Acord Food Pantry  
Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.  
Action Inc.  
AIDS Action Committee  
Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs  
American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts  
ARISE for Social Justice  
Asian American Civic Association  
Asian American Resource Workshop  
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)  
Association of Haitian Women (AFAB)  
Berkshire Community Diaper Project  
Beverly Bootstraps  
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center  
Brazilian Women's Group  
Brookview House, Inc.  
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association  
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee  
Cape Cod Children's Place  
Casa Myrna  
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston  
Catholic Social Services of Fall River, Inc.  
Center for Violence Prevention & Recovery, BIDMC  
Central West Justice Center  
Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice  
Chelsea Collaborative  
Children's HealthWatch  
Children's Law Center of Massachusetts  
Chinese Progressive Association  
City Life/Vida Urbana  
City Mission Boston  
Clarendon Early Education Services, Inc.  
Coalition for Social Justice  
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.  
Community Action Pioneer Valley  
Community Legal Services and Counseling Center  
Cradles to Crayons  
Domestic Violence Action Committee in Needham  
DOVE  
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)  
Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.  
Family ACCESS of Newton  
The Fenway Institute  
Greater Boston Food Bank  
Greater Boston Legal Services  
HarborCOV  
Heading Home, Inc.  
Health Care for All  
The Home for Little Wanderers  
Homes for Families  
HomeStart, Inc.  
Horizons for Homeless Children  
Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center  
Jane Doe Inc.  
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)  
Jewish Community Relations Council  
Jewish Family and Children's Service  
Justice Center of Southeast MA  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Economic Justice  
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts  
Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.  
Massachusetts AFL-CIO  
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers  
Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy  
Massachusetts Advocates for Children  
Mass. Association of Early Education & Care (MADCA)  
Mass. Association for Community Action (MassCAP)  
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless  
Massachusetts Family Planning Association  
Mass. Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition  
Massachusetts Jobs With Justice  
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
Massachusetts Teachers Association  
Medical-Legal Partnership | Boston  
Metrowest Legal Services  
MotherWoman  
Muslim American Society of Boston  
New England Area Conference of NAACP  
New England Jewish Labor Committee  
NARAL Pro Choice Massachusetts  
National Association of Social Workers, Mass. Chapter  
Neighbor to Neighbor  
North Shore Postpartum Help  
Northeast Justice Center  
Northeastern University School of Law Clinics  
Nurtury  
The Open Door  
Open Pantry Community Services Inc.  
Pathways for Children  
Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund  
Poor People's United Fund  
Progressive Massachusetts  
Project Bread  
Project Hope  
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.  
Roca  
Rosie's Place  
Safe Passage  
SEIU 32BJ Local 615  
SEIU Local 509  
ServiceNET  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston  
Somerville Homeless Coalition  
Springfield Housing Authority  
Springfield No One Leaves  
Stavros  
Those Who Can for Those In Need  
Transition House  
UAW Region 9A CAP Council  
Union of Minority Neighborhoods  
United Way Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley  
UTEC  
Vietnamese American Civic Association  
Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts  
Wellspring House, Inc.  
Witnesses to Hunger, Boston  
Womanshelter/Compañeras  
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts  
Worcester County Food Bank  
Worcester Food Policy Council

