



May 31, 2018

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State House, Room 332
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Karen E. Spilka
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Joan B. Lovely
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 413A
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senate President Chandler, Chairwoman Spilka, and Vice-Chairwoman Lovely:

The many groups listed below are writing to **thank you for Lifting the Cap on Kids in the Senate budget effective January 2019.**

The Senate Ways and Means budget Executive Summary aptly described the Cap on Kids policy as “outdated,” “unjust,” and “failed.” We are grateful that we can depend on you to use your best efforts to persuade the Conference Committee to repeal the family cap effective January 2019 rather than July 2019 so 8,700 children do not have to suffer another whole year without enough clean diapers, warm clothes, and healthy food.

Thank you for working tirelessly to make things better for the most vulnerable children in the Commonwealth.

Very truly yours,



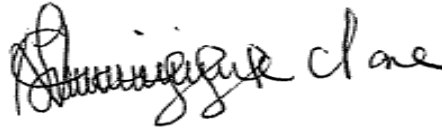
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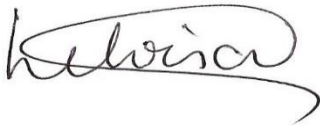
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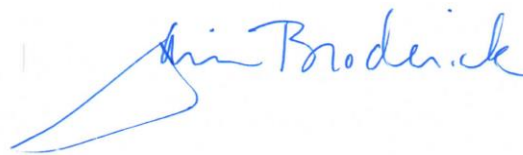
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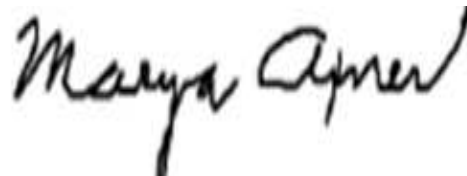
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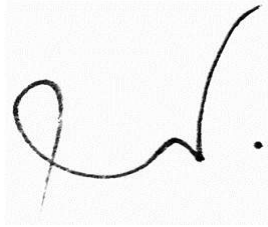
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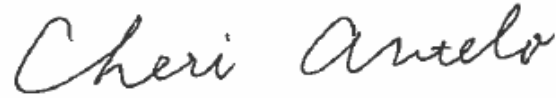
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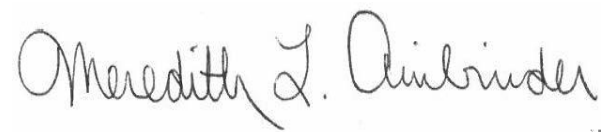
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On behalf of our 120 organization partners listed below:

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

