**Dear Chairman Blunt,**

In April, nearly 600 national, state, and local organization sent a letter to Congress asking for COVID-related emergency funding for the child abuse prevention and child welfare systems. The need for these funds remains as urgent today. This pandemic continues to place significant stress on families who are experiencing unprecedented job loss, uncertain child care, school closures and disruptions, social isolation, and significant barriers to many critical support services. Research is clear that this type of stress increases the risk of child abuse at the same time pandemic conditions make it harder for prevention and intervention child welfare services to meet the needs of children, youth, and families.

We note that a small amount of funding for CAPTA Title II was included in Senate Leader McConnell’s COVID proposal and thank you for recognizing that preventing child abuse is an urgent part of the COVID response. However, this funding level is insufficient to meet the needs of children and families across the country and we urge you to include $1 billion for Title II of CAPTA and $500 million for Title I of CAPTA. CAPTA provides critical flexibility for states and local communities to best determine how to use these emergency funds to prevent and respond to child abuse. Public, private, and faith-based leaders across the country have been working closely with families to continue vital child welfare prevention and intervention services during these extraordinary times, but they continue to face major challenges.

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The ongoing public health crisis has absolutely devastated our nation, and while Congress has acted swiftly to remedy many aspects of the economic fallout of this crisis, very little has been provided to help the already strained child abuse prevention and child welfare systems during this emergency. Congress must act swiftly to support our most vulnerable children and families facing stress and disruptions resulting from COVID by equipping the child abuse prevention and child welfare systems with the tools they need to keep children safe. We urge you to provide this emergency funding so that states and local communities have the resources they need to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect.

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Dear Ranking Member Murray,

Thank you for including $1.5 billion for CAPTA in your Coronavirus Child Care and Education Relief Act (S. 4112). We are grateful for your leadership directing support to our most vulnerable children and families facing stress and disruptions resulting from COVID by equipping the child abuse prevention and child welfare systems with the tools they need to keep children safe. Ensuring. In April, nearly 600 national, state, and local organization sent a letter to Congress asking for COVID-related emergency funding for the child abuse prevention and child welfare systems. The need for these funds remains as urgent today.

As Congress works to finalize the COVID package, we stand with you in your efforts to provide this emergency funding so that states and local communities have the resources they need to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect.

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Dear [Chairwoman DeLauro] or [Ranking Member Cole], [SEND SEPARATELY]

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