

August 4, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Schumer and Senator Manchin:

As civil rights and advocacy organizations that work to empower the more than 62 million Latinos in the U.S., we commend your leadership in announcing the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.” If enacted, the proposal would ease the pressure of rising prices and provide significant investments that would benefit Latinos and their families and the future of our country, including more affordable health coverage and prescription drugs, meaningful action against climate change, and greater assurances that the wealthy will pay their fair share in taxes. We write to express our support for the bill and urge you and the Senate to ensure that the critical provisions in the legislation are not harmed by cuts or poison pill amendments.

As you know, the vote-a-rama process too often allows the consideration of amendments that aim to undermine the legislation and score political points by demonizing immigrants and communities of color. We are particularly concerned that this vote-a-rama will be used to limit access to affordable health coverage; attack immigrants, asylum seekers, and mixed-status families; and obstruct police accountability, to name a few. We urge you not to let these efforts succeed and work with your colleagues in the Senate to vote down any poison pill amendment outside the merits and spirit of the legislation that you have drafted.

Much work has been done since the original budget reconciliation bill was conceived. The agreement pending in the Senate required all of us to compromise; while none of us got everything we wanted, we acknowledge the historic difference the bill’s provisions will make in the lives of our families and communities. We now have an opportunity to deliver a major victory for the American people. We urge you to hold the line on the legislation and not allow cuts or poison pill amendments to unravel what you have fought so hard to build.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Esperanza United  
GreenLatinos  
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)  
Hispanic Federation  
Inter-University Program for Latino Research  
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement  
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)  
Mi Familia Vota  
National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives  
National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts  
National Hispanic Media Coalition

National Hispanic Medical Association  
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