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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We sincerely appreciate your leadership and the commitment your administration has made to addressing the needs of children and youth, and advancing equity. The pandemic has added stressors to the already challenging lives of children and youth. School closures and remote learning have limited opportunities to interact with peers, exercise, access healthy meals, and optimize learning. Economic pressures have exacerbated child poverty, substandard housing, mental health, education and long-standing racial disparities.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) (P.L. 117-2) and the proposed American Families Plan and Jobs Plan will help lift millions of children out of poverty and take critical steps to support their nutrition, housing, health, childcare and education. The ARP investments alone total over \$360 billion for kids and will go a long way toward addressing many challenges exacerbated by the

It not create the sustainable change that children, youth, and families need. broader coordinated strategy. We need a designated person or entity accountable for effective,

In keeping with your Executive Order, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through Federal Government*, approach that prioritizes equity, collaboration, and the lived experiences of children, youth, and families. **That is why we call on your administration to establish a senior leadership position in the White House specifically focused on children and youth, as well as a Federal Ch -agency collaboration and center our efforts on equity, elimination of child poverty and racial justice.**

We urge you to designate a leader and structure within the Domestic Policy Council (DPC) to serve as the nexus for all policies, investments and public-private partnerships impacting children and youth. This could be achieved through a White House Office on Children and Youth or a new Special Assistant for Children and Youth.

While critical, one single office or ind
and funding currently operating in silos. **We therefore recommend establishment of a Federal
affecting children, youth and their families and to address immediate challenges stemming
from the pandemic**