



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

February 4, 2021

Representative Richard Neal
372 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Neal:

The undersigned members of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Financial Security and Poverty Taskforce, Developmental Disabilities, Autism and Family Support Taskforce and allied organization write to thank you for introducing the [CASH Act of 2020](#) (H.R. 9051) in the 116th Congress. CCD is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society. We hope this bill will be included in the next COVID-19 response bill the House takes up.

We are especially supportive of the CASH Act's provision including adult dependents as eligible for recovery rebates and the provision providing the \$500 retroactive payment they did not receive in the CARES Act. Despite bipartisan support¹ for a provision that would have ensured parents and caregivers of adult dependents received dependent recovery rebates, this provision was once again excluded from the last COVID-19 relief bill passed and signed into law last Congress. The taxpayers included in the CASH Act are among the fifty-three million family caregivers who provide the vast majority of our nation's long-term services and supports, permitting individuals of all ages to remain in their communities and avoid or delay more costly out-of-home placements. As the pandemic continues to run its course with no end in sight, it is absolutely critical that these families and their dependents receive direct financial support in the next COVID-19 relief bill.

Again, we thank you for introducing the CASH Act as it will ensure that dependent adults with disabilities, other dependents, and their parents and caregivers have this crucial financial assistance. We look forward to working with you to ensure that the CASH Act is part of the next COVID-19 relief bill. Please do not hesitate to contact Cyrus Huncharek (cyrus.huncharek@ndrn.org) with any questions.

¹ <http://c-c-d.org/fichiers/Grassley-Thank-You.pdf>

Sincerely,

**CCD Financial Security and Poverty Taskforce and Developmental Disabilities,
Autism and Family Support Taskforce**

American Network of Community Options & Resources (ANCOR)
Autism Society of America
Autism Speaks
CommunicationFIRST
Easterseals
Justice in Aging
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Disability Institute
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives
National Respite Coalition
Paralyzed Veterans of America
RespectAbility
The Arc of the United States

Ally Organization

National Down Syndrome Society