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April 28, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United State House of Representatives  
H-204, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

In the interest of public health, governments at all levels have asked the American people to make great sacrifices as we work to slow the spread of COVID-19. They have shuttered their businesses, left their jobs, and have isolated themselves to protect their communities. Congress has taken extraordinary action to keep main street businesses afloat and to aid families during this unprecedented time, including providing direct assistance to individuals and their dependents through economic impact payments.

However, it has been brought to my attention that many of my constituents will not receive an economic impact payment. While they are U.S. citizens, they are married to – and jointly file taxes with – a noncitizen who files their taxes using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). While the CARES Act rightfully excludes “nonresident alien individuals” from receiving these payments, we should not be excluding American citizens and their dependents from receiving this assistance during this crucial time.

As discussions over the next legislative package to address the COVID-19 outbreak continue, I urge you to make this change and provide economic relief to all U.S. citizens and their dependents.

Sincerely,

Dan Newhouse  
Member of Congress