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*Via E-Mail*

**RE: COVID-19 AND THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS CRISIS**

Dear Members of Congress:

The spread of COVID-19 is a national emergency that threatens millions of people across the country – and it is felt especially hard by young people. We write on behalf of Advancement Project National Office and the Alliance for Educational Justice (AEJ) to urge you to provide funding and resources in the next COVID-19 stimulus packages that will significantly help and support our nation's young people as they navigate this crisis. Our organizations are committed to ensuring that racial justice will be clearly factored into any attempts to achieve educational equity, which starts with the opportunity for students of color to be safe, healthy and supported in their schools and home environments. While the previously passed COVID-19 stimulus relief will provide some funding for education to governors and states, we write to ensure that the most pressing issues facing our young people, especially young people of color, in the midst of this