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**The Honorable Mario Díaz-Balart**

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**The Honorable Adriano Espaillat**

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**The Honorable Tony Gonzales**

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Dear Chairs Díaz-Balart, Espaillat, and Gonzales,:

As Evangelical pastors and Hispanic faith leaders deeply rooted in Scripture and service, we write with clarity and conviction to urge your support for a reconciliation package that affirms life, fortifies families, and strengthens the foundations of economic hope across our communities. This is not merely a legislative debate—it is a moral crossroads. Scripture reminds us that when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice (Proverbs 29:2), and that our public service—when marked by integrity and conviction—should shine before others, that it may glorify God (Matthew 5:16). In that spirit, we urge you to advance a reconciliation framework that upholds the dignity of life, supports the sacred vocation of parenthood, and ensures that no family is punished for choosing to raise children in faith and hope.

We believe in a pro-life vision that extends beyond the womb—a vision that sees the image of God in every child, honors the sacrifices of parents, and recognizes that public policy can either reinforce or erode the dignity of life. In this moment of decision, we call on you to lead with boldness, grounded not in partisanship, but in principle.

We urge your leadership in defending and advancing the following policy pillars:

**1. Expand the Child Tax Credit (CTC):**

Few policies better affirm the value of children and the vocation of parenting. Expanding the CTC—particularly for working families with the lowest incomes—is a clear pro-life, pro-family step that lifts economic burdens, encourages family formation, reinforces the sacred duty of raising children, and incentives work by providing resources for transportation, childcare, and other critical costs. And most Christian voters agree: **a recent poll of Christian voters showed that 75% of Christians support republican-led efforts, including the President's, to expand the CTC to \$5,000/month per child.**

Proverbs teaches us that a good father leaves an inheritance to his children's children. The Child Tax Credit is a down-payment on that inheritance for all American families.

## **2. Defend Medicaid for Mothers and Newborns:**

Every mother deserves access to essential care during and after pregnancy. To claim the mantle of life while permitting gaps in coverage for expectant and postpartum women is a contradiction we must not allow. Cutting or limiting Medicaid would disproportionately harm Hispanic mothers and babies—something no just society can tolerate.

## **3. Protect and Strengthen SNAP Nationwide:**

Food insecurity is an affront to life and dignity. In our churches, we minister to families who work hard and still struggle to keep their children fed. SNAP is not a handout; it is a life-saving bridge that upholds the biblical mandate to care for the vulnerable. We urge you to resist cuts and protect the integrity of this vital support. Passing the costs to the state abdicates our national responsibility to care for American families.

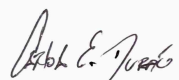
## **4. Expand Pell Grants and Pathways to Work:**

Hispanic youth deserve the tools to rise. Expanding access to Pell Grants and workforce training helps break cycles of poverty and dependency—replacing despair with dignity, and cultivating a future of contribution rather than crisis. This is how we build a culture of life rooted in vocation and opportunity.

In a moment of consequential choice, we echo the call of Scripture: *“I have set before you life and death... now choose life”* (Deut. 30:19). These decisions will shape whether our policy reflects not only economic prudence but moral courage. As the Word also urges: *“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy”* (Prov. 31:8–9). To advocate for children, working families, and the unborn is not a partisan act—it is an expression of faithful leadership.

We call on you to champion a pro-family, pro-life economy—one where no mother fears welcoming a child, no child is born into neglect, and no working family is punished for doing the right thing. Thank you for your leadership. We stand ready to support you as you work to build a nation where life is protected, family is honored, and hope is more than a promise.

In faith and resolve,



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