

U.S. Senate Passage of Inflation Reduction Act a Major Win for Moms, Families, and the Country – But Congress Must Strengthen Our Care Infrastructure Next

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Statement of Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner, Executive Director and CEO of MomsRising, the online and on-the-ground organization of more than one million mothers and their families, on U.S. Senate passage of the Inflation Reduction Act this afternoon:

“America’s moms and families have renewed hope due to passage of the Inflation Reduction Act by the U.S. Senate. It will make significant, long-overdue progress to reduce the cost of health coverage and prescription drugs, make our tax code more fair by finally making wealthy corporations pay their fair share, lower energy costs, and help address the climate emergency. We especially applaud the provisions that will make health plans purchased through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace more affordable, preventing more than 3 million people from losing their coverage and becoming uninsured next year; rein in Big Pharma’s price gouging; and cap the cost of prescription drugs for seniors.

“Republican senators will have to answer to constituents for blocking measures that would have reduced the cost of insulin and closed the Medicaid coverage gap, which has left primarily Black and Brown people in the South without the life-saving health care coverage they need. There is simply no excuse for those votes.

“For our country’s moms and families, though, this is only a partial victory. While we applaud the hard-fought progress in the Inflation Reduction Act, we know that we will never have a strong economy, successful businesses, or thriving families until we build a care infrastructure, including making quality child care affordable, guaranteeing access to paid family and medical leave, improving maternal health care, supporting home- and community-based services for seniors and people with disabilities, providing monthly Child Tax Credit payments, ensuring that all care workers are paid a living wage with decent benefits, and creating a pathway to citizenship for immigrants, many of whom are critical to our health care and care infrastructure. Moms will continue reminding Congress, every single day, that our nation needs a robust care infrastructure. We expect the leaders we elected to tackle these vitally important issues very soon.”

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MomsRising.org is an on-the-ground and online grassroots organization of more than a million people who are working to increase family economic security, decrease discrimination against women and moms, and to build a nation where businesses and families can thrive. Established in 2006, MomsRising and its members are organizing and speaking out to improve public policy and to change the national dialogue on issues that are critically important to America’s families, including criminal justice reform, immigration policy reform, and gun safety. MomsRising is working for paid family and medical leave, affordable, high quality childcare and early learning, and for an end to

the wage and hiring discrimination which penalizes women — particularly moms and women of color — and so many others. MomsRising advocates for access to healthy food for all kids, health care for all, earned sick days, and breastfeeding rights so that all children can have a healthy start. MomsRising maintains a Spanish language website: MamásConPoder.org. Sign up online at www.MomsRising.org — and follow us on our blog, and on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).