NOTE: Find your Senators here: <u>https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm</u>

SAMPLE CALL SCRIPT

Thank you, Senator, for everything you have done to lead this country at this difficult time. I am calling on behalf of the Jewish community because I am concerned about the most vulnerable among us.

As you consider your priorities for the new Senate stimulus package, I ask you to support nonprofits with \$60 billion in aid, new charitable tax aid incentives for donors, additional funding and flexibility for hospitals and health care workers, and assistance to the millions of hungry students out of school and homebound older adults and people with disabilities.

Thank you for your time.

SAMPLE EMAIL [Feel free to cut and paste]

Dear Senator:

I am involved in our local Jewish community and I want to thank you for the work you have done to demonstrate leadership during this time of need.

Nonprofits across America, such as the Jewish Federations and Jewish human service agencies, provide food, medicine, and other basic needs to hundreds of thousands of people every day, regardless of faith, background or ability to pay. We are writing to ask for your continued support of this vital work, and that you please include the following priorities as you negotiate a new stimulus package:

- \$60 billion in economic stimulus for the nonprofit sector to help maintain operations; enhanced charitable tax incentives including a universal above-the-line charitable contribution deduction; and paid emergency leave and family leave for larger social service agencies.
- Additional support for state Medicaid programs by raising the federal medical assistance percentage by 10%; increased flexibility for telehealth for the delivery of health services and counseling; and enhanced reimbursements to cover increased health staffing costs.
- Increased flexibility and additional resources for the delivery of food to vulnerable populations; a \$100
 million expansion in the Emergency Food and Shelter Program; and enhanced home- and communitybased COVID-19-related services for seniors and people with disabilities.

We need you to ensure that our community continues to provide support to those that need it most during this public health crisis and beyond.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,