Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House H-232, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Steny Hoyer Majority Leader H-107, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader Hoyer:

Hardworking families in our districts and across the country are facing rising costs across the board. While the reasons for these rising costs are many and varied, the fact remains that these inflationary pressures are harming our constituents, small businesses and working families. We continue to hear from folks who are wondering what Washington is doing to address these problems.

With the time that remains in the 117th Congress after the important upcoming votes on gun violence prevention – and particularly in the few months that remain before the late summer district work period – we urge you to prioritize bills that would lower costs for working families, address rising inflation and resolve supply chain challenges. To be clear, we know that many such bills have already received affirmative votes in the House and now await Senate action. However, we believe that more must be done to ensure that this body remains laser focused on addressing the most urgent challenges that continue to impact our constituents.

Specifically, we encourage leadership to focus on bringing to the House Floor bills that would address:

- the rising costs of household goods such as groceries, baby formula and other everyday and essential supplies;
- the high price of gasoline and overall energy purchases that individuals and small business owners rely on for transportation and commerce;
- the negative economic impacts of climate change on our communities, including families dealing with increased costs due to natural disasters like droughts and wildfires;
- input costs at all levels of the supply chain, including in sectors like manufacturing and agriculture, which play an important role in many other sectors.

We acknowledge that in the past weeks, the House has already moved on key pieces of legislation within this space. And we understand that the challenges we face are the result of many factors, including Putin's war in Ukraine, the Covid-19 pandemic and unprecedented supply chain disruptions. But regardless of *why* we find ourselves facing these challenges, the question is *how* we respond in this moment. And the fact remains that we only have six legislative weeks scheduled between now and the late summer district work period to address the complex issues leading to high prices throughout the American economy.

Therefore, over the coming weeks, we respectfully urge you to schedule votes on a series of bills that reflect a strategic and concentrated plan that responds to the unique circumstances we now face. Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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