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The Honorable Edward Markey
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Diana DeGette
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

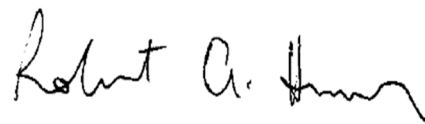
Dear Senator Markey and Congresswoman DeGette,

On behalf of the Population Association of America (PAA), I am pleased to endorse your legislation, the Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act (H.R. 869 and S. 289). PAA appreciates the bipartisan support your proposed legislation has already received and thanks you for prioritizing the needs of federal scientific research agencies, and their grantees, during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

PAA is a professional scientific society that represents over 3,000 social and behavioral scientists, including demographers, sociologists, and economists who conduct research on the causes and consequences of population change. Its members, working in applied and academic sectors, conduct policy relevant research on a wide range of topics, such as mortality, fertility, adolescent health, population forecasting, immigration, and labor force dynamics. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF) are the largest sources of discretionary, competitive grant funding supporting our field. Therefore, we are pleased your bill would authorize \$25 billion in emergency relief funds, including \$10 billion for the NIH and \$3 billion for the NSF. Within the population research community, this funding is urgently needed to help resume surveys and other data collection efforts that were suspended in recent months as well as to restart other essential, lifesaving population research and research training initiatives.

On March 8, PAA will be hosting its annual advocacy day, virtually, in Washington, DC. We will be urging lawmakers to cosponsor your bill. We look forward to working with you to pass and enact the RISE Act. Once again, thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



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