A RESOLUTION

Urging the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 6420 and update the CARES act to allow children younger than 19 years of age, students 24 years of age and younger and all disabled dependents to receive direct cash payments from the Federal Government.

WHEREAS, Working Pennsylvanians across this Commonwealth face uncertainty and hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2020, the Congress of the United States enacted the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136, 134 Stat. 281) to provide emergency assistance and financial relief to individuals, families and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The CARES act provides direct cash payments of $1,200 for adults and $500 for dependent children 16 years of age and younger; and

WHEREAS, The CARES act does not provide any kind of payments to dependents 17 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has caused millions of college
students, disabled dependents, working minors and their families
to experience job losses, financial hardship and serious health
consequences; and
WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania recognizes that millions of college students,
disabled dependents, working minors and their families are just
as deserving of aid in their time of need as every other
American; and
WHEREAS, Congresswoman Angie Craig has introduced H.R. 6420,
the All Dependent Children Count Act, to include children
younger than 19 years of age, students 24 years of age and
dispensable and all disabled dependents in the definition of a
"dependent” in the CARES act; and
WHEREAS, If passed, H.R. 6420 would allow children younger
than 19 years of age, students 24 years of age and younger and
all disabled dependents to receive direct cash payments from the
Federal Government; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
States to pass H.R. 6420 and update the CARES act to allow
children younger than 19 years of age, students 24 years of age and
younger and all disabled dependents to receive direct cash
payments from the Federal Government; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
member of Congress from Pennsylvania.