

November 28, 2011

The Honorable Barbara Lee  
US House of Representatives  
2267 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lee:

On behalf of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), thank you for introducing H.R. 3300, the Half in Ten Act. Your legislation will establish a Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Poverty to develop and implement a national plan to reduce poverty by half in ten years and work toward eradicating extreme poverty, child poverty, and the persistent disparity in poverty rates found in communities of color.

NASW supports broad social, economic, and political actions to end poverty and the vast inequalities in wealth and income. Our *Poverty and Economic Justice* policy statement calls for economic policies that include the elimination of poverty and race-based barriers to opportunity. NASW applauds your efforts to reduce poverty by half in ten years.

NASW is the largest association of professional social workers in the country with the dual mission of advancing the profession of social work and promoting social justice. We will mobilize our members to contact their members of Congress to co-sponsor the Half in Ten Act.

Thank you for your service as a social worker member of Congress. We appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to working with you to enact this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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