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MAYOR BEAME, REP. ABZUG, SEN. JAVITS ANNOUNCE NATIONAL CITIZENS LOBBY
TO PRESS FOR APPROVAL OF ABZUG-AUTHORED BILL TO INCREASE
FEDERAL AID FOR WELFARE

In a joint news conference today at City Hall, Mayor Abraham D. Beame, Rep. Bella S. Abzug (D-L, Man.-Bronx) and Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.), joined by dozens of elected officials, union, civic, business and social welfare leaders, announced formation of a national citizens lobby to press for swift action on the Abzug-authored Welfare Reform Bill, which was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Javits.

The measure would make uniform at 75% the federal contribution to every state's welfare cost. Rep. Abzug said it would help 49 of 50 states, most of which have rising welfare rolls, and would mean an additional \$1.2 billion annually in federal aid to New York State, including up to \$750 million yearly for New York City, enough to balance its budget.

"The legislation could take a big chunk of the huge welfare burden off our backs and help us survive as a people and as a city," Rep. Abzug predicted at the news conference.

"Welfare is a national problem. It must have a national solution. Among major cities, only New York City is mandated by the state to pay 25% of welfare costs. This is unfair and must be changed.

"The response to this bill," she reported, "has been very gratifying, and we are receiving support from Republicans as well as Democrats, from rural counties as well as from urban areas, from officials in Louisiana, Nebraska and Denver as well as from New York and Newark."

The Congresswoman said the "first goal of the lobbying effort for the bill" will be "to get Congressional hearings on the legislation." She urged "everyone we can reach" to write or send telegrams to the subcommittee chairmen in the House and Senate to whom the measure has been referred.

"Let Washington know you want hearings and quick action," she said. "We are calling on all citizens to flood Washington with messages and to get their neighbors and organizations to do the same."

The lobbying effort will be coordinated out of the offices of Congresswoman Abzug: Westchester County Executive Alfred DelBello (D), who chairs the Urban Affairs Committee of the National Association of Counties; Broome County Executive Edwin Crawford (R), president of the State Association of Counties; and Robert Slocum, the

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president of the Metropolitan Regional Council, an organization of 700 local governments from the tri-state area. Mr. Crawford's and Mr. Slocum's organizations have already unanimously endorsed the Abzug bill.

The four coordinators said that in addition to mounting a letter-telegram campaign, they hoped soon to lead delegations to Washington to actively campaign for passage of the welfare bill.

Rep. Abzug introduced the measure (HR 9652/3) in the House with 50 co-sponsors Sept. 17, and Sen. Javits proposed it (S 2476) in the Senate Oct. 6.

Joining the Mayor, who "wholeheartedly endorsed the bill" the day it was introduced in the House, Senator Javits and Congresswoman Abzug at this morning's news conference were: Mr. DeBello, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Slocum; Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson; Linden, N.J. Mayor John Gregorio; Nassau County Executive Ralph Caso; New York City Council President Paul O'Dwyer (the entire council has endorsed the bill); Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin; Borough Presidents Percy Sutton (Manhattan) and Donald Manes (Queens); Lewis Rudin, chairman of the Association for a Better New York; Raymond Horton, staff director of the Temporary Commission on City Finances; members of the New York Congressional delegation, state senate, state assembly and city council; union officials Matthew Guinan (Transport Workers), Marjorie Rennie (Local 3369 Government Employees AFL-CIO), John DeLury (Uniformed Sanitationmen), Barry Feinstein (Teamsters) and Richard Morton (District Council 1707); Elinor Birnheim, president of the Community Council of Greater New York; Marjorie Grosset, executive director of the Day Care Council of New York; and officials of private and religious charities, educators and others (a complete list of those attending is attached).

City Human Resources Administrator James Dumpson, together with Mitchell Ginsberg, Dean of the Columbia University School of Social Work and former New York City Welfare Commissioner, and Noah Weinberg, Rockland County Commissioner of Social Services, attended. The commissioners of 16 New York State county social service agencies have now endorsed the legislation.

Congresswoman Abzug said her bill had been jointly referred to the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Assistance (Rep. James C. Corman, D-Cal., Acting Chairman) and to the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee on Health and Environment (Rep. Paul G. Rogers, D-Fla., Chairman). In the Senate, the measure is before the Finance Committee (Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., Chairman).

The Congresswoman urged that people "send their messages" to Rep. Corman, Rep. Rogers, and Sen. Long.

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44 HOUSE MEMBERS CO-SPONSOR REP. ABZUG'S WELFARE ASSISTANCE ACT; HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER O'NEILL ALSO SUPPORTS MEASURE

Rep. Bella S. Abzug (D-L, Man.-Bronx) announced today (Sept. 18) that 44 colleagues from 12 states and Guam had agreed to co-sponsor legislation she authored that would require the federal government to pay a uniform 75% of states' welfare costs.

The Congresswoman said the bill, the Uniform Federal Welfare & Medical Assistance Act of 1975 (H.R. 9652 and 9653), first introduced Sept. 8, was reintroduced yesterday bearing the names of the new co-sponsors.

Rep. Abzug also announced that, in addition, House Majority Leader Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill (D.-Mass.) had assured her of his support for the measure.

The bill, which would give the states more than \$4.8 billion in additional federal welfare assistance each year, would be of particular benefit to 49 of 50 states and help to major industrial states whose welfare and unemployment rolls have increased sharply because of the recession. Many such states, Rep. Abzug explained, now receive only 50% federal contribution to welfare.

Among the states with the highest welfare costs, the increase in federal funds under the Abzug bill would be: California, \$ 797.7 million; Connecticut, \$83.7 million; District of Columbia, \$53.9 million; Florida, \$60.2; Illinois, \$398.6 million; Maryland, \$99.6 million; Massachusetts, \$234 million; Michigan, \$343.9 million; Minnesota, \$84.9 million; New Jersey, \$217 million; New York, \$1.1 billion; Ohio, \$165.6 million; Pennsylvania, \$252.4 million; Texas, \$63.7 million; Washington, \$77.8 million; Wisconsin, \$89 million; and Virginia, \$57.2 .

The legislation has the backing of Chairman Alfred Del Bello of the Urban Affairs Committee, National Association of Counties. Mr. Del Bello, Westchester County executive, is contacting executives of the nation's 39 largest urban counties to urge them to lobby for passage of the welfare reform bill.

Rep. Abzug, who reported also that a citizens committee is in formation to lobby for the measure, said she expects to get additional sponsors and believes it has a good chance of passage because every state but one would benefit under her formula for a flat 75% federal contribution to Medicaid and Aid to Families with Needy Children programs.

Under existing formula, federal reimbursement for these programs ranges from a low of 50% for New York, California, Illinois, Michigan and other industrialized states to a high of 78.28% for Mississippi.

"My bill would eliminate the present unfair and discriminatory reimbursement formula and provide more federal help for the states that need it most -- those with the heaviest welfare burdens," Congresswoman Abzug explained.

The welfare reform measure has been referred to the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, headed by chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.), and to the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee on Health and Environment, headed by chairman Paul Rogers (D-Fla.).

LIST OF CO-SPONSORS

Joseph Addabbo	N.Y.	Thomas Downey	N.Y.
Herman Badillo	N.Y.	Donald Fraser	Minn.
Mario Biaggi	N.Y.	Michael Harrington	Mass.
Jonathan Bingham	N.Y.	Henry Helstoski	N.J.
Shirley Chisholm	N.Y.	John LaFalce	N.Y.
James Delaney	N.Y.	Matthew McHugh	N.Y.
Edward Koch	N.Y.	Patsy Mink	Hawaii
Fred Richmond	N.Y.	Parren Mitchell	Md.
Benjamin Rosenthal	N.Y.	Anthony Moffet	Conn.
James Scheuer	N.Y.	Henry Nowak	N.Y.
Stephen Solarz	N.Y.	James Oberstar	Minn.
Leo Zeferretti	N.Y.	Richard Ottinger	N.Y.
William Broadhead	Mich.	Antonic Won Pat	Guam
James Burke	Mass.	Ned Pattison	N.Y.
Yvonne Burke	Cal.	Thomas Rees	Cal.
Philip Burton	Cal.	Peter Rodino	N.J.
Charles Carney	Ohio	Robert A. Roe	N.J.
Cardiss Collins	Ill.	Fred Rooney	Pa.
John Conyers, Jr.	Mich.	Edward Roybal	Cal.
Chas. C. Diggs, Jr.	Mich.	Gladys Spellman	Md.
Christopher Dodd	Conn.	Paul Tsongas	Mass.
William Walsh	N.Y.	Lester Wolff	N.Y.

IMPACT OF "UNIFORM FEDERAL WELFARE AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1975"
(HR 9652-9653)

Changing the reimbursement rate for AFDC and Medicaid to a uniform 75% would raise the combined cost of both programs from \$13.1 billion to \$17.9 billion -- an increase of \$4.8 billion.

Following are the increases in federal funds to the states:

STATE	1975-77 REIMB RATE	INCREASE AT 75%
Alabama	73.79% *	\$ 3.7 million
Alaska	50.00	6.5
Arizona	60.48 *	7.2
Arkansas	74.60	.7
California	50.00	797.7
Colorado	54.69	43.7
Connecticut	50.00	83.7
Delaware	50.00	11.6
Dist. of Col.	50.00	53.9
Florida	57.34 *	60.2
Georgia	66.10 *	33.8
Guam	50.00	.8
Hawaii	50.00	28.7
Idaho	68.18	4.0
Illinois	50.00	398.6
Indiana	57.47	56.5
Iowa	57.13	38.4
Kansas	54.02	36.9
Kentucky	71.37	11.0
Louisiana	72.41	7.4
Maine	70.60	5.4
Maryland	50.00	99.6
Massachusetts	50.00	243.0
Michigan	50.00	343.9
Minnesota	56.84	84.9
Mississippi	78.28 *	(-7.9)
Missouri	58.98 *	38.9
Montana	63.21	6.1
Nebraska	55.59	18.4
Nevada	50.00	7.2
New Hampshire	60.28	8.6
New Jersey	50.00	217.0
New Mexico	73.29	1.3
New York	50.00	1,187.9
North Carolina	68.03	24.6
North Dakota	57.59	7.5
Ohio	54.39	165.6
Oklahoma	67.42	18.8
Oregon	59.04	36.5
Pennsylvania	55.39	252.4
Puerto Rico	50.00	24.2
Rhode Island	56.55	26.8
South Carolina	73.58 *	.7
South Dakota	67.23	3.7
Tennessee	70.43 *	3.8
Texas	63.59 *	63.7
Utah	70.04	3.6
Vermont	69.82	3.3
Virgin Islands	50.00	1.2
Virginia	58.34	57.2
Washington	53.72	77.8
West Virginia	71.90	3.6
Wisconsin	59.91	89.0
Wyoming	60.94	1.7

9/30/75 Office of Rep. Bella S. Abzug; complete data available.

SOURCE: Dept of Health, Education & Welfare, Social and Rehabilitation Service, "Report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Status of Funds Requirements for the Public Assistance Programs for Fiscal Year 1976," 7/15/75.

* For nine states not using Medicaid rate for AFDC reimbursement, increased federal share derived from May States Estimates of Expenditures.

STATEMENT BY REP. BELLA ABZUG AT CITY HALL PRESS CONFERENCE
ON UNIFORM WELFARE & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT ACT

OCTOBER 31, 1975

We are announcing today the formation of a Citizens Committee for Welfare Reform to lobby for legislation that I and Senator Jacob Javits have introduced in Congress to take a big chunk of the huge welfare payment burden off our backs and help us survive as people and as a city.

New York City is now paying more than \$1 billion a year for welfare costs. We can't afford it. But we also cannot afford in human terms to decree that people in need should not be helped. Feeding, clothing and housing the poor and the sick is an essential service.

Contrary to President Ford's cheap shots at people on welfare in his outrageous "drop dead, New York" speech, the overwhelming majority of women, men and children on welfare and Medicaid are victims, not cheats. They need and should get assistance.

Adults on welfare who are capable of working would like to work, but there are no jobs for them. Child care centers that make it possible for welfare mothers to work are being cut back. Mr. Ford's recession policies are guaranteeing that there will be even more people thrown out of work in New York, not less.

We already have above-average unemployment of 12%, and in the ghetto areas it is as high as 40% and 50%. If the President's forced bankruptcy formula prevails--and we must do everything we can to prevent it from happening--New York will become an economic ghost town. Tens of thousands more will be forced to seek welfare, and if there is no help for them, we can expect that they will respond with civil disorders and rioting. Is that what President Ford wants?

Welfare is a national problem. It must have a national solution. Alone among major cities, New York City is mandated by the state to pay 25% of welfare costs. This is unfair and must be changed.

We have heard a great deal about how well-managed a city like Chicago is. As a matter of fact, it has almost the same percentage of people on welfare as our city, but Chicago doesn't have to pay for them. The Federal and state governments pick up Chicago's welfare tab. No wonder Mayor Daley can balance his budget.

Under the Abzug-Javits bill, the Federal government's reimbursement formula for Medicaid and Aid to Families with Dependent Children

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would be raised to a uniform 75%. New York and 11 other states now get only 50% reimbursement. Mississippi, which exported its jobless to the North, gets reimbursed at more than a 78% rate. The remaining states get between 51% and 75%.

This revised formula would help 49 of the 50 states. Most of them are faced with rising welfare rolls, and I therefore expect that there will be very widespread support for this bill in Congress among representatives from states throughout the country.

New York State would receive an additional \$1.2 billion. Of this additional money, New York City would get about \$375 million a year, or, if the state agreed to a complete pass-through, our city would get \$750 million a year more, enough to balance our budget.

In fairness, President Ford cannot argue that this kind of assistance sets a dangerous precedent or disturbs Federal-state-city relationships. The Federal government pays 90% of the costs for interstate highways in localities. If the U.S. can pay 90% of the bill for paving our nation over with concrete superhighways, it can pay 75% of the costs for helping people in our city and all across the nation.

The Abzug-Javits bill is, of course, only an interim step on the much-needed path to general welfare reform. But it is a crucial step. The response to this bill has been very gratifying, and we are receiving support from Republicans as well as Democrats, from rural counties as well as urban areas, from officials in Louisiana and Denver, as well as New York and Newark.

Among those supporting the bill are Alfred DelBello, Westchester County Executive and chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee of the National Association of Counties; Edwin Crawford, Broome County Executive, who heads the State Assn. of Counties, which unanimously endorsed the bill; Nassau County Executive Ralph Caso; Robert Slocum, the President of the Metropolitan Regional Council, an organization of 700 local governments from the tri-state area; The Human Resources Commissioner of Louisiana; The State Welfare Director of Nebraska; Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson; Denver Mayor W.H. McNichols; a host of social service commissioners from around the state; City Council President Paul O'Dwyer, and, by resolution, the entire council; Lewis Rudin of the Association for a Better New York; Elinor Birnheim, head of the Community Council of New York; Marjorie Grosset, director of the Day Care Council; and many other community leaders, union representatives, city and civic organizations.

The first goal of our lobbying effort is to get hearings on these bills. We are asking everyone we can reach to write or send telegrams to the Subcommittee chairmen to whom the measure has been referred.

Let Washington know you want hearings and quick action on the Uniform Federal Welfare and Medical Assistance Reimbursement Act. Send your message to Congressman James Corman, acting chairman of the House Ways & Means Public Assistance Committee; to Congressman Paul Rogers, chairman of the House Interstate & Foreign Commerce subcommittee on health; and to Senator Russell B. Long, head of the Senate Finance Committee.

We are calling on all citizens to flood Washington with messages and to get their neighbors and organizations to do the same.

Coordinating this lobbying effort with my office will be Mr. Crawford, Mr. DelBello and Mr. Slocum.

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James Burke	Cal	Henry Helstoski	NJ	Benjamin Rosenthal	NYC
Yvonne Burke	Cal	Elizabeth Holtzman	NYC	Robert Roe	NJ
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ORGANIZATIONS

American Federation of Govt Employees, Local 3369 (Marjorie Rennie, Pres.)
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 Building & Construction Trades Council of Greater New York
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 Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
 Teamsters Local 237 (Barry Feinstein, Pres)
 United Neighborhood Houses (Thomas McKenna, Pres)
 The New York Daily News (editorial, September 27, 1975)
 The New York Times (editorial, September 11, 1975)

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 State Welfare Director of Nebraska Alan H. Ihms
 Newark, NJ Mayor Kenneth Gibson
 The Metropolitan Regional Council (representing 700 local governments in the tri-
 state area. Chairman, Frederick P. Lenz, Jr, Mayor of Stamford, Conn)
 New York State County Executives Association, and the New York State Association
 of Counties, principal representatives of the state's county governments
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THIS LETTER IS A COPY OF THE TELEGRAM SENT TO
YOUR CAMPAIGN OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26, 1975

As you pursue your campaign for the Presidency, I am sure you are conscious of the burdens placed on our states by rising welfare costs.

While I am convinced of the need for major reform of the entire welfare system, no such full-scale program is currently before us.

Meanwhile, States and localities face financial emergencies resulting from high welfare expenditures and an unfair system of Federal reimbursement which provides the lowest return to the states with greatest need.

For many areas some financial pressure could be alleviated immediately by instituting a more equitable formula for reimbursement--which I have proposed in HR 9652-53, the Uniform Federal Welfare and Medical Assistance Reimbursement Act of 1975. My bill, which has 56 House co-sponsors including Congressman Udall, would increase the Federal share of AFDC and Medicaid to a uniform 75%, which would benefit 49 of the 50 states.

The bill has recently been endorsed by the state welfare directors of California, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri and Nebraska. A companion bill has been introduced by Senator Javits and a bi-partisan citizens lobby is pressing for immediate hearings.

Increasing numbers of public officials including Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt of Delaware and Governor Hugh Carey of New York have voiced their support for this legislation and Governors Brendan Byrne of New Jersey and Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania have called for increased federal takeover of welfare costs.

Those of us who want to see the Democratic party respond to the country's real needs as we enter our 1976 convention must find ways to help the Democratic majority in Congress respond in a coordinated national way to the welfare problem.

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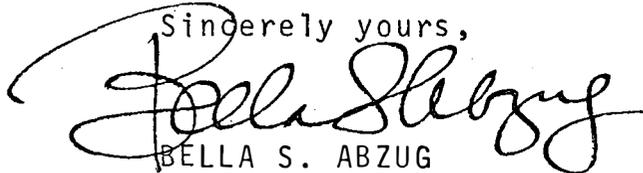
November 26, 1975

For that reason, I am asking you and the other declared Democratic presidential candidates to endorse this measure as one very realistic and practical way of building a Democratic consensus around this very important issue.

It is my understanding the New Democratic Coalition will consider a resolution of support for this bill at its New York convention on December 6th. (Draft sent to your office along with supporting materials.)

It would be most appropriate that the NDC have your position in hand at that time so that it can be announced. I would greatly appreciate your responding to my office or the leadership of the NDC by December 4th so that your views can be included.

Sincerely yours,



BELLA S. ABZUG
Member of Congress