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### **Media Advisory**

#### **An open letter to Mississippi leaders on a safe and gradual reopening of our state**

Jackson, Mississippi -- This week a coalition of Mississippi organizations called on the elected leaders of Mississippi to responsibly reopen the state in a safe and gradual way.

The letter encourages leaders to embrace transparency and diversity, expand access to health care, invest in our health public infrastructure, address growing food insecurity, protect Mississippi's child care operators, ensure students access to long distance learning and protect all vulnerable Mississippians.

The letter was authorized by the Children's Defense Fund, Mississippi Black Women's Roundtable, Mississippi Center for Justice, Mississippi Health Advocacy Program, Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative, Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP, One Voice, Planned Parenthood Southeast Advocates, Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative and the SPLC Action Fund.

The letter can be read [here](#).