**Virtual Advocacy Summit LTE Templates**

**Option 1**

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**Option 2**

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Due to COVID-19, my spring plans changed. This month, I was supposed to travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in Save the Children Action Network’s Advocacy Summit and Hill Day. I was so excited to join hundreds of fellow advocates from around the country to learn about critical kids’ issues and speak with lawmakers on how to better prioritize kids.

The silver lining is that the Advocacy Summit was converted to a virtual one. And, due to the coronavirus, children need advocates more than ever before, making this summit all the more important.

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Abroad, kids in refugee camps, poor urban neighborhoods and war zones face exacerbated challenges because of the coronavirus – like losing their parents, going hungry, and facing increased risk of exploitation. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is reversing some of the great progress these countries have made in recent years.

As the U.S. government responds to the public health and economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic at home, it must not forget the needs of some of the most desperate populations around the world, especially children.

Join me today in urging [NAME OF POLICYMAKER] to providing robust funding for international response efforts in the next coronavirus relief package.

Prioritizing kids – no matter where they are from – will make our global recovery so much stronger.

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**Option 4**

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Due to COVID-19, Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) transitioned their annual Advocacy Summit into a Virtual Advocacy Summit.

One of the sessions I attended was called “Child Care in Crisis,” which discussed the critical importance of the child care industry to American families and the economy.

The child care industry is the backbone of the U.S. economy. Parents of 6.4 million children need child care in order to get back to work. In fact, the child care industry contributes approximately $100 billion to our economy and employs more than 1.5 million people.

But, due to coronavirus, child care centers are closing due to lack of funds and low enrolment.

According to a recent SCAN and Child Care Aware of America survey, 87% of voters support direct federal assistance for child care providers so they can meet payroll and pay rent and utilities during this crisis.

Voters have spoken. Child care is an indispensable industry that must be supported. Leaders in Washington, D.C. – together with candidates for public office – must put the child care industry at the forefront of the agenda.

Join me today in urging [NAME OF POLICYMAKER] to providing robust funding for the child care industry in the next coronavirus relief package.

Our recovery depends on it.

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