



February 9, 2024

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell,

Every child deserves the chance to grow and thrive. The Child Tax Credit (CTC) provides critical assistance to families as they confront the rising costs of raising children, and we know from experience it can [lift millions of children out of poverty](#). To promote the general welfare and well-being of children, youth, and families, [all children should be eligible to receive](#) an expanded CTC on a permanent basis.

The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024 is a step in the right direction. It includes a modest but important expansion of the CTC, which for the next three years provides more assistance to millions of families facing steep economic challenges. Although this legislation does not go far enough for the children in families in the most difficult economic circumstances, it would benefit [16 million children](#) in families with low incomes, and lift half a million children out of poverty by 2025.

On January 31, the House of Representatives passed the legislation by a wide margin of 357 to 70, with overwhelming and rare bipartisan support. Families in your state and around the country who are struggling with high food, housing, and energy costs need this relief [now](#).

As you consider this legislation, we urge you to oppose amendments that would reduce the number of children who benefit from the CTC. We also urge you to oppose amendments that would eliminate the [“lookback” provision](#)—which provides needed flexibilities for families experiencing economic setbacks or doing essential caregiving work—and to reject attempts to use tax policy to advance an agenda hostile to reproductive freedom.

We look forward to opportunities to further strengthen the CTC in the future so that it provides meaningful support to all families who need it. In the short term, we urge you to act quickly and oppose any proposals that weaken the CTC provisions of the House-passed bipartisan bill.

Sincerely,

20/20 Vision
Alliance to End Hunger
American Federation of Teachers
American Friends Service Committee
American Public Health Association
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

Association of Children's Residential & Community Services (ACRC)
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Autism Society of America
Care Income Now
Caring Across Generations
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)
Center for the Study of Social Policy
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Defense Fund
Children's HealthWatch
Children's Home Society of America
Children's Trust Fund Alliance
Citizens for Tax Justice
Coalition on Human Needs
Common Sense Media
Community Change Action
Economic Security Project Action
EMPath (Economic Mobility Pathways)
Every Mother is a Working Mother Network
Family Centered Treatment Foundation
Finding Common Purpose
First Focus Campaign for Children
Food Research & Action Center
Foster Care Alumni of America
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Futures Without Violence
Global Women's Strike
Golden State Opportunity
Healthy Families America
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA-JPIC
Income Movement
Institute for Human Services
Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy
Jewish Women International
Justice and Joy National Collaborative (formerly National Crittenton)
LIFT Inc
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Mental Health America
MomsRising
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Association of Social Workers

National Children's Alliance
National Community Action Partnership
National Disability Institute
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Employment Law Project
National Immigration Law Center
National Institute for Children's Health Quality
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Urban League
National Women's Law Center
ParentsTogether Action
Payday men's network
People Power United
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Prevent Child Abuse America
Progressive Change Campaign Committee
Prosperity Now
Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL Pro-Choice America)

RESULTS

Safe States Alliance
School-Based Health Alliance
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Share Our Strength
Social Current
Sojourners-SojoAction
Stand for Children
The Education Trust
The Family Focused Treatment Association
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
The Workers Circle
TOOTRiS Childcare On-Demand
UnidosUS
Union for Reform Judaism
United Parent Leaders Action Network (UPLAN)
United Steelworkers (USW)
Urban Strategies Council
USBIG
Voice for Adoption
Voices for Progress
Women of Color/Global Women's Strike
Women of Reform Judaism
Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement

Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
Young Invincibles
Youth Law Center
Youth Villages
YWCA USA
ZERO TO THREE

CC: Members of the Full Senate