



February 26, 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,

2-1-1 NYS, Inc.
20/20 Vision
ACA Consumer Advocacy
Agency for Humanity
Alchemist CDC
Alliance to End Hunger
American Academy of Pediatrics, New York State
American Children's Campaign

American Federation of Teachers
American Friends Service Committee
American Public Health Association
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
Amherst Survival center
Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency
Anne Arundel County Food Bank
Artemis Center
Asian American Community Services
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
Association of Children's Residential & Community Services (ACRC)
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Austin Museum
Autism Society of America
Bay Area Professional Family Child Care Network
Beaches Activists Movement
Benedictine Sisters of Florida
Bet Tzedek Legal Services
Boston Medical Center
Brightpoint
California Association of Food Banks
CAN-DO
CAP OC - OC Food Bank
Care in Action
Care Income Now
Caring Across Generations
Catholics for Peace and Justice
Center for Economic and Policy Research
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 Advocacy Institute
Children's Defense Fund
Children's Defense Fund-Southern Region Office
Children's HealthWatch
Children's Home Society of America
Children's Trust Fund Alliance
Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)
Church of Scientology National Affairs Office
Church of St Francis Xavier
Church Women United in New York State
Citizens for Tax Justice
Citizens' Committee for Children of New York
Coalition on Human Needs
Columbia Opportunities, Inc.
Common Sense Media
Community Action Committee of Pike County

Community Action Partnership of Lake County
Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County
Community Bridges
Community Change Action
Community Food Bank of San Benito County
Community Legal Services of Philadelphia
Community Service Society of New York
Community Servings
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Courage California
Covering Kids & Families of Indiana
Crescent Community Health Center
Crossroads Crisis Center, Inc.
DC Action
Domestic Violence Project, Inc.
Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa Peace and Justice Office
DOWNRIVER ORCHARD
Early Care & Education Pathways to Success (ECEPTS)
Economic Security California Action
Economic Security Project Action
Educare Learning Network
Educare Lincoln
El Pueblo Unido of Atlantic City
El Refugio, Inc.
EMPath (Economic Mobility Pathways)
Empower Missouri
End Hunger Connecticut!
Equal Rights Advocates
Every Mother is a Working Mother Network
Faith Action Network
Famicos Foundation
Family Centered Treatment Foundation
Family Voices NJ
FamilyAid
Fathers & Families Support Center
Feeding Colorado
Feeding Louisiana
Feeding Texas
Fifth Avenue Committee
FIND Food Bank
Finding Common Purpose
First Focus Campaign for Children
FL National Organization for Women (FL NOW)
Flores Family Child Care
Florida Impact
Florida Policy Institute
Floridians For Dental Access
Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Food Bank of Western Massachusetts
Food Finders Food Bank
Food For People, the Food Bank for Humboldt County
Food Research & Action Center
Food Share Ventura County
Forbes House
Forest Park District 91
Foster Care Alumni of America
Foundation for Healthy Generations
FPWA (Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies)
Franklin Primary Health Center Inc.
Friends Committee on Legislation of California
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Full Plates Full Potential
Futures Without Violence
Georgia Budget and Policy Institute
GLIDEsf
Global Child Nutrition Foundation
Global Women's Strike
Golden State Opportunity
GRACE/End Child Poverty California
Greater Boston Legal Services
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Greater Orlando National Organization for Women (Greater Orlando NOW)
Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger
Haus of a Stranger
Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!
Healthy Families America
Healthy Teen Network
Hispanic Federation
Hispanic Services Council, Inc.
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA-JPIC
Homesafe, Inc.
Hunger Action Los Angeles
Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland
Impact Fund
Income Movement
Indivisible Marin
Inland Equity Community Land Trust
Institute for Human Services
Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy
Instituto del Desarrollo de la Juventud
Islamic Relief USA
Jewish Family Service of Colorado
Jewish Women International
John Burton Advocates for Youth
John Graham Housing & Services
Johnson Park Center (JPC)

JustDane
Justice and Joy National Collaborative (formerly National Crittenton)
Kids Above All
L.I. Against Domestic Violence
LIFT, Inc
Little Listeners of the Carolina's
Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA CAN)
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
Low Income Housing Institute (LIHi)
Maine Center for Economic Policy
Maine Community Action Partnership
Maine Equal Justice
Maine People's Alliance
Massachusetts Affordabel Housing Alliance
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Meals4Families
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Mental Health America
Mexico Food Panty
Michigan Disability Rights Coalition
MLPB
Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc.
MomsRising
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
National Association for Family Child Care
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Association of Social Workers
National Center for Parent Leadership, Advocacy, and Community Empowerment (National PLACE)
National Children's Alliance
National Community Action Partnership
National Diaper Bank Network
National Disability Institute
National Domestic Violence Hotline
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Employment Law Project
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Immigration Law Center
National Institute for Children's Health Quality
National Network to End Domestic Violence
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National Urban League
National Women's Law Center
NCJW|LA
NCNW
Nebraska Appleseed

Neighbor to Family LLC
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New Jersey Association on Correction
New Jersey Public Health Association
New York State Public Health Association
NH Hunger Solutions
NJ Association on Correction
Norfolk Raymondville Food Pantry/ The Community Lunch Program for Kids
Northland Community Services Coalition
Northside Nutrition Center
NotApologeticStudiosLLC
Nourish California
Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy
OpenSky Policy Institute
Orange County United Way
Our Bodies Ourselves
Our Children Oregon
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic church, Arlington Va
P.O.S.T protect our stolen treasures
ParentsTogether Action
Partners for Our Children
Pathfinders Milwaukee, Inc.
Payday men's network
Peace, Justice, Sustainability, NOW!
People Power United
People's Front of Dunwoody
Philabundance
Picnic Project
Piedmont Habitat for Humanity
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
PolicyLink
Poor People's Campaign, Maryland
Poverty Project at the Institute for Policy Studies
Prevent Child Abuse America
Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey
Progress Center for Independent Living
Progressive Change Campaign Committee
Prosperity Now
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
Public Health Solutions
Public Justice Center
Raising Illinois PN3 Coalition
Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL Pro-Choice America)
RESULTS
RESULTS Dallas Global Group
RESULTS DC/MD

RESULTS Iowa
RESULTS Virginia
RESULTS-Massachusetts
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
Right from the Start Campaign
Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI)
Rosie's Place
Safe States Alliance
San Diego for Every Child
San Diego Hunger Coalition
Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts at the University of Baltimore
School of Law
School-Based Health Alliance
Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Share Our Strength
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Sisters of the Holy Spirit
Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, IA
Social Current
Sojourners-SojoAction
Solidarity Lowell
Somerville Office of Housing Stability
South Carolina Program for Infant/Toddler Care
Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative for Economic and Social Justice
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network
St. Marys Food Pantry
Stand for Children
Start Early
TEAM for West Virginia Children
Tenacious Turtle
The Arc of the East Bay
The Children's Partnership
The Education Trust
The Family Focused Treatment Association
The Forum for Youth Investment
The Greater Boston Food Bank
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
The Lighthouse
The Workers Circle
Three Square Food Bank
TOOTRiS Childcare On-Demand
Transitions, Inc.
Tri-County Help Center, Inc.
Turning Point Inc.
UnidosUS

Union for Reform Judaism
UnitarianUniversalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County texas
United Community Center of Westchester, Inc.
United Parent Leaders Action Network (UPLAN)
United Steelworkers (USW)
United Way of King County
United Way of New York State
United Way of Northern NJ
United Way of Westchester and Putnam
United Ways of California
Urban Strategies Council
URI Feinstein Hunger Center
USBIG
Utahns Against Hunger
Voice for Adoption
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Voices for Progress
Washington Defender Association
Wayne Presbyterian Church, Social Justice Committee
West Virginia Citizen Action Group
WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities
Witnesses To Hunger
Women of Color/Global Women's Strike
Women of Reform Judaism
Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement
WZA Consultant
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
Young Invincibles
Youth Law Center
Youth Villages
YWCA Hamilton Domestic Violence Program
YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts
YWCA of Palm Beach County
YWCA USA
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CC: Members of the Full Senate