May 6, 2024

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader Minority Leader
U.S. Senate U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

We are writing on behalf of 81 faith-based, advocacy, service, pro-family, children’s, and anti-poverty organizations in strong support of expanding the Child Tax Credit (CTC). We urge you to put the bipartisan Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act (H.R. 7024) on the floor for a vote or attach it to a must-pass vehicle, such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act, during this work period. The expanded CTC included in H.R. 7024 would help lift half a million children out of poverty by 2025 and provide critical relief to women and families who are struggling to make ends meet.

The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act, a pro-family, pro-business, and anti-poverty bill, passed the House of Representatives on January 31st by a wide margin of 357-70, with overwhelming bipartisan support. The CTC provisions in this bill would benefit 16 million children in families with low incomes in the first year, including one in three Black and Latino children and three in ten American Indian/Alaska Native children. No other legislation before this Congress would have anywhere close to this bill’s impact on reducing child poverty and helping families meet their basic needs.

New polling from Navigator shows clear and overwhelming support for an expanded Child Tax Credit. Our groups have been holding constituent meetings with senators on both sides of the aisle, mobilizing state and local coalition partners, and generating earned media, thousands of phone calls, petitions, and emails. Many senators on both sides of the aisle have indicated general support for the mix of business tax and CTC provisions in the bill.

We are strongly opposed to any changes to H.R. 7024 that would reduce the number of children and families receiving the expanded CTC and ask you to oppose any amendments that would undermine the CTC provisions in this package. The longer we wait, the less likely it is that families will receive the breathing room afforded by this legislation, especially this year when so many families are struggling to afford groceries, rent, and other necessities for their children to grow and thrive. We urge you to act quickly and bring the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act to the floor for a vote or attach it to must-pass legislation such as the FAA Reauthorization Act during this work period.

Sincerely,

20/20 Vision

Alliance to End Hunger
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
American Federation of Teachers
American Friends Service Committee
Asset Building Strategies
Bread for the World
Care in Action
Center for Law and Social Policy
Center for the Study of Social Policy
Children's Defense Fund
Children's HealthWatch
Christian Churches Together (USA)
Coalition on Human Needs
Common Sense Media
Community Change Action
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)
Economic Security Project Action
Equal Rights Advocates
Esperanza United
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Feminist Majority
Finding Common Purpose
First Focus Campaign for Children
Food Research & Action Center
Franciscan Action Network
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Futures Without Violence
Georgetown University
Girls Inc.
Golden State Opportunity
Institute for Women's Policy Research
Latino Christian National Network
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Mental Health America
MomsRising
NAACP
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Association of Social Workers
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
National Community Action Partnership
National Council of Churches
National Council of Jewish Women
National Diaper Bank Network
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Immigration Law Center
National Latino Evangelical Coalition
National Partnership for Women & Families
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National Women's Law Center
National Women's Political Caucus
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
ParentsTogether Action
PolicyLink
Poverty Project at the Institute for Policy Studies
Reproductive Freedom for All (formerly NARAL Pro-Choice America)
RESULTS
Save the Children
Share Our Strength
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Sojourners-SojoAction
Stand for Children, Inc.
Supermajority
The Episcopal Church
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
The National Domestic Violence Hotline
The Wesleyan Church
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
United Church of Christ

United Parent Leaders Action Network (UPLAN)

Voices for Progress

Young Invincibles

Youth Villages

YWCA USA

ZERO TO THREE

c: Members of the Full Senate