

May 6, 2024

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

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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

cc: Members of the Full Senate