

January 31, 2022

Dear President Biden and Members of Congress:

The undersigned 418 organizations support permanently expanding the Child Tax Credit to ensure all children and families can meet their needs and thrive. The extension of the Child Tax Credit in the Build Back Better Act passed by the House of Representatives in November is an important step in the right direction. **We urge the swift enactment of the Build Back Better Act, that includes a fully expanded and inclusive CTC as passed by the House.**

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) expansion in the American Rescue Plan helped millions of families take care of their children and support their everyday needs. From July to December 2021, advanced monthly payments of the CTC gave families the freedom and flexibility to make the financial choices that are best for them. For many, the CTC was a lifeline that allowed them to put food on the table, pay back debt and supplement lost wages due to the pandemic. Now, families are without this critical income support during a time when COVID cases and costs for food, rent, and other necessities continue to rise. As parent Lydia Coe told the [Washington Post](#) on December 21 about the expiring CTC, “For us people that live in poverty, life is so expensive. Rent is expensive, getting to work is expensive. Babysitters are expensive. It’s all so expensive when you are not making enough money.”

It is critical that the CTC be extended now without further delay. The expanded CTC has already proven to be hugely successful, [keeping 3.7 million children](#) out of poverty and reducing food insufficiency among families by 26 percent since the improved benefit first hit bank accounts in July 2021. It has also promoted family well-being, as [70 percent of caregivers reported that it made them feel less stressed](#). It is a central provision of the Build Back Better Act (BBBA), and the only one that can prevent millions of children from sliding back into poverty and economic hardship. According to an [analysis](#) by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP), failure to extend the CTC means that 10 million children could be pushed into or slip deeper into poverty. Even worse, children of color will be hit hardest. For Black, Latinx, and Indigenous children their poverty rates would almost double, completely eroding the reduction in child poverty over the last year.

Every child deserves to have what they need to thrive. Raising children and affording basic necessities is [expensive](#) and families need regular, consistent, and increased cash support permanently, not just for six months. Failure to do so only increases the racial, income, educational, and health disparities that are pervasive in our country. Our children deserve a fully expanded and inclusive CTC that invests in their long-term outcomes and helps families make ends meet.

Once again, we urge you to act swiftly to get the Build Back Better Act done to support the 61 million children who received this monthly allowance and the millions more who want to sign-up. Every month we fail to extend this transformative program is another month that we fail our children and hurt our collective future. Our children and families are counting on you to get this done.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

1,000 Days

African American Health Alliance

Alliance to End Hunger

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Federation of Teachers

American Friends Service Committee

American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP)

Americans for Tax Fairness

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO

Be a Hero

Bread for the World

Center for Economic and Policy Research

Center for the Study of Social Policy

Child Welfare League of America

Children's Advocacy Institute

Children's Defense Fund

Children's HealthWatch

Children's Rights Inc.

Church World Service

Coalition on Human Needs

Community Change Action

Council for a Strong America -Texas

COVID Survivors for Change

Economic Policy Institute

Economic Security Project Action

Every Mother is a Working Mother Network

Faith in Public Life

Family Equality

Fighting Chance for Families

Finding Common Purpose
First Focus Campaign for Children
Food Research & Action Center
Foster America
FosterClub
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Futures Without Violence
GIVN
Global Women's Strike
Groundwork Action
Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network
Hispanic Federation
Hunger Free America
Income Movement
Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy
Integrated Community Solutions, Inc
Islamic Relief USA
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
LIFT, inc
Main Street Alliance
March For Our Lives
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Move For Hunger
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Association of Social Workers
National CACFP Sponsors Association
National Center for Housing and Child Welfare
National Coalition For The Homeless
National Community Action Partnership
National Consumer Law Center
National Council of Jewish Women
National Diaper Bank Network
National Employment Law Project
National Women's Law Center
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
OAI
Parents Anonymous Inc.
ParentsTogether Action
Partnership for America's Children

Payday men's network
People's Action
Poetry X Hunger
Poligon Education Fund
Presente.org
Prevent Child Abuse America
Progressive Change Campaign Committee
Prosperity Now
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
RESULTS
Save the Children
SaverLife
Share Our Strength
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
Social Current
Southern Education Foundation
The Arc of the United States
The National Domestic Violence Hotline
TOOTRIS Child Care On-Demand
True Colors United
UNIDOS US
Union for Reform Judaism
Universal Income Project
Urban Strategies Council
Voices for Progress
Women of Color in the Global Women's Strike
Youth Law Center
Youth Villages
ZERO TO THREE

State and Local Organizations

Alabama

AIDS Alabama
Alabama Arise
Hometown Action

Alaska

Alaska Children's Trust

Arizona

Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children
Arizona Council of Human Service Providers
Arizona Food Bank Network
WHEAT

California

Alliance for Children's Rights
California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association of Food Banks
California Child Care Resource & Referral Network
California Community Action Partnership Association
California Community College CalWORKs Association
California Youth Connection (CYC)
Catholic Charities East Bay
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton
Child Care Law Center
Children's Defense Fund - California
Dolores Huerta Foundation
Educare California at Silicon Valley
First 5 Alameda
First 5 California
Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
Friends Committee on Legislation of California
Girls Inc. of Orange County
Girls Inc. of the Island City
GLIDE
Golden State Opportunity
GRACE & End Child Poverty in CA
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles
Jewish Family Service of San Diego
John Burton Advocates for Youth
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
Los Angeles training consortium
National Association of Social Workers - California Chapter
Nourish California
Pomona Economic Opportunity Center
Public Counsel
Redwood Empire Food Bank

San Diego Council on Literacy
San Diego for Every Child
San Diego Hunger Coalition
SupplyBank.Org
Time for Change Foundation
United Way Bay Area
United Way of Greater Los Angeles
United Ways of California

Colorado

Colorado Children's Campaign
Hunger Free Colorado
Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning
WeeCycle

Connecticut

Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families
Connecticut Association for Human Services
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.
Connecticut Voices for Children
Greater Hartford Legal Aid
New Haven Legal Assistance Association
The Diaper Bank of Connecticut

District of Columbia

D. C. Hunger Solutions
Dorothy Day Catholic Worker, Washington DC
Greater DC Diaper Bank
RESULTS DC/MD

Florida

Benedictine Sisters of FL
Bread for the World, Florida Chapter
Catholic Charities Bureau of Jacksonville
Catholic Charities Gainesville, FL
Catholic Charities Lake City, FL
Catholic Charities of Florida
Catholic Charities St. Augustine
Central Florida Jobs with Justice

Change for the Community Inc.
Circles Gainesville at Faith Mission
Farmworker Association of Florida
Florida Policy Institute
Girls Inc. of Pinellas
Healthier Jupiter
Picnic Project
Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Augustine
St. Louis Catholic Church
The Women's Fund Miami-Dade
United Way of West Florida
Wintergarden Food Pantry
Wintergarden Presbyterian Church

Georgia

Athens Area Diaper Bank
Center for Pan Asian Community Services
CivicGeorgia
Georgia Black Constructors Association
Georgia Budget and Policy Institute
Georgia Nutritional Services
Quality Care for Children

Hawaii

Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

Illinois

Beyond Hunger
Chicago Foundation for Women
Children's Home & Aid
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Manufacturing Renaissance
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence
Women Employed
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Indiana

Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute
Indy Hunger Network

Iowa

Common Good Iowa
Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC)
Iowa Citizen Action Network
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Kansas

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
Community Action, Inc.

Kentucky

Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Kentucky Equal Justice Center

Louisiana

Basic Necessities
HousingLOUISIANA
Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans

Maine

Full Plates Full Potential
Maine Equal Justice
Maine Parent Federation
Maine People's Alliance

Maryland

Addiction Connections Resource
CASH Campaign of Maryland
Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc.
Maryland Hunger Solutions
Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Inc.
Public Justice Center
The Parents' Place of MD
Voices of Hope, Inc.

Massachusetts

Boston Medical Center
Brazilian Women's Group
Children's League of Massachusetts
Community Action Pioneer Valley
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)
Etsky Consulting
Federation for Children with Special Needs
Greater Boston Legal Services
JVS Boston
MIRA Coalition
One Family
Resolve New England
The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts
The Women's Fund of Western MA
United South End Settlements

Michigan

Alger Marquette Community Action Board
Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes
Liminality Consulting
Michigan League for Public Policy
Michigan's Children
Ottawa Food
St. Luke's Diaper Bank
United Way for Southeastern Michigan
United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region

Minnesota

Center For Economic Inclusion
Center for Inclusive Childcare
Children's Defense Fund - Minnesota
Diaper Bank of Minnesota
Doctors for Early Childhood
ISIAAH
MICAH - Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing
Minnesota Budget Project
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
MN Child Care Association
New Horizon Academy

Our Spring Lake Store LLC
People Serving People
TakeAction Minnesota
Violence Free Minnesota
West Central Initiative

Mississippi

Children's Defense Fund - Southern Regional Office
Mississippi Center for Justice

Missouri

Diaper Bank of the Ozarks
Missouri Budget Project
St. Louis Area Diaper Bank
St. Louis Area Foodbank

Montana

Child Care Resources
District 4 Human Resources Development Council
Montana Food Bank Network
Zero to Five Montana

New Jersey

Family Voices NJ
Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties
National Association of Social Workers - New Jersey Chapter
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network
The Maker's Place

New Mexico

Junior League of Albuquerque
United Way of Central New Mexico

New York

Action for a Better Community
Astor Services for Children & Families
Azimuth Trust
Carroll Gardens Association
Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens
Children's Aid

Children's Defense Fund - New York
Citizens' Committee for Children of New York
CNY Diaper Bank
Commission on the Public's Health System
District Council 37, SSEU Local 371
Downtown Women for Change
Early Care & Learning Council
Early Childhood Alliance Onondaga
ECE on the Move
Empire Justice/CASH
Geneva 2030, Birth to Kindergarten School Readiness Action Team
Hope's Door
Interreligious Food Consortium
Inwood Indivisible
Korp Foundation Inc
Liftoff Western New York
Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow
New York Immigration Coalition
New York State Council of Churches
Organizing for Equity New York
PEER/NYPAN, Suffolk County
Poppy Muse Inc.
Prevent Child Abuse New York
Progressive Schenectady
Q&A STATS LLC
Rise and Resist
Solidarity Committee--Capital District NY
Staten Island Head Start
Strong Economy For All Coalition
Tenants Political Action Committee
The Children's Agenda
The Education Trust--New York
United for Brownsville
United Neighborhood Houses of New York
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County
United Way of Westchester and Putnam
Western New York Child Care Action Team
White Plains Youth Bureau
Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation

North Carolina

Child Care Services Association/T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood National Center
Down Home NC
NC Child
North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Ohio

Action for Children
Children's Defense Fund - Ohio
Contact Center
Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland
Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services
Highland Youth Garden
Hocking Athens Perry Community Action
Human Service Chamber of Franklin County
Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition
Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Ohio Federation for Health Equity and Social Justice
Ohio Poverty Law Center
Philanthropy Ohio
Policy Matters Ohio
PrimaryOne Health
Project MKC
The Center for Community Solutions
The Center for Family Safety and Healing
The Ohio Women's Public Policy Network
United Pastors for Social Empowerment
Women's Fund of Central Ohio
Women's Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Oregon

Act Early Oregon
Children's Institute
Oregonizers
Our Children Oregon

Pennsylvania

City of Philadelphia Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity, City of Philadelphia
Community Legal Services of Philadelphia
Philadelphia Family Pride

William Way LGBT Community Center

Rhode Island

Community Care Alliance

Women's Fund of Rhode Island

Tennessee

Elmahaba Center

Hispanic Family Foundation

Homeland Heart Birth & Wellness Collective

Legacy Mission Village

Raphah Institute/Early Embrace

Sweet Cheeks Diaper Ministry

Texas

Children's Defense Fund - Texas

Emergent ED Child Care Consulting

Feeding Texas

Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas

National Association of Social Workers - Texas Chapter

Smith County Food Security Council

Texas Organizing Project

TexProtects

United Way of Tarrant County

Utah

Community Action Partnership of Utah

Little Lambs Foundation for Kids

Vermont

Hunger Free Vermont

Junior League of Champlain Valley Diaper Bank

Milton Family Community Center

Rights & Democracy

Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance

Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Voices for Vermont's Children

Virginia

Greater Hampton Roads Diaper Bank

Virginia Poverty Law Center
Voices for Virginia's Children

Washington

Ampersand Community
LGBTQ Allyship
Neighborhood House
Northwest Harvest
United Way of King County
WA State Community Action Partnership

West Virginia

AlphaKappa Alpha Gamma Chi Omega
Morgantown NOW
National Association of Social Workers - West Virginia Chapter
Our Future WV
Physicians for a National Health Program - WV
Restoration Praise Temple
Rise Up WV
TEAM for West Virginia Children
West Virginia Poor People's Campaign
West Virginians for Affordable Health Care
WVU Food Justice Lab

Wisconsin

Citizen Action of Wisconsin
Community Advocates Public Policy Institute
Coulecap, Inc.
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin
Menomonee Falls Action Team
United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County
Wisconsin Council of Churches