

October 26, 2022

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader McConnell:

The undersigned national, state, and community-based organizations working to end hunger urge you to reinstate the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) and the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in any end of the year tax package. With the expiration of these two programs, organizations like ours know full well how tens of millions of families are experiencing [higher levels of food insufficiency, and racial disparities are only deepening](#).

Reinstating the expanded Child Tax Credit is a profound and historic opportunity to address hunger and improve the nutrition, health, and well-being of our nation. Research underscores the demonstrable impact of the expanded CTC on:

- **Reducing food insufficiency:** Columbia University found that the CTC caused a [reduction in food insufficiency by 19 percent](#) among families with children.
- **Providing funds for families to purchase food:** Across all income levels, [buying food was the most common use](#) of the expanded CTC payments, according to the Urban Institute.
- **Improving healthy eating:** According to [Brookings](#), CTC-eligible households were: 1.3 times more likely to increase fruit consumption; 1.5 times more likely to increase meat and protein consumption; 1.4 times more likely to report increased ability to afford balanced meals.
- **Creating jobs:** The Niskanen Center found that if an expanded CTC was in place for another year, it would support the equivalent of more than [500,000 private-sector jobs](#).
- **Offsetting inflation:** More than [130 economists](#) recently called for restarting the monthly CTC payments to offset the toll of inflation, while attesting that the expanded CTC will not itself drive further inflation.

Not only families with children struggle to make ends meet. As such, an extension of the CTC should be coupled with an extension of the expanded EITC, which, last year, put \$700 more in the pockets of an [estimated 17 million American workers](#) than under the previous tax credit.

The damaging impact of the loss of these credits is clear. [New research](#) from Children's HealthWatch and Boston University School of Public Health found that food insufficiency rates among households with children increased 25% in 2022 after the monthly CTC payments ended. Failure to reinstate the extended CTC and EITC will only fuel hunger by increasing the income, educational, health, and racial disparities that are pervasive in our country.

It is essential that the CTC and EITC be extended now without further delay.

Signed by:

Food Research & Action Center

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