RESULTS Policy Forum – U.S. Poverty

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Welcome!!!
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Our long-term goal: *Economic Justice through the tax code*

- Child Tax Credit (CTC)
- Address Our Housing Crisis
Hill Updates

• Congress failed to expand CTC or expand access to affordable housing, leaving millions out last year.

• Congress is divided this year – need for bipartisanship.
  • Looming threats on budget, cuts to social spending and critical anti-poverty programs that we care about

• Key Committees
  • House Ways and Means
  • Senate Finance Committee

• Potential opportunities for CTC in 2023 (likely in the fall)
  • Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization
  • Annual funding bill
Take Action on Key U.S. Poverty Priorities

• Child Tax Credit
  Tell your member to urge colleagues – especially on Senate Finance and House Ways and Means – and leadership to expand the Child Tax Credit (CTC) with monthly payments prioritizing the lowest-income families in any tax legislation this year.
  For Democratic Senate offices, ask them to co-sign the Brown/Bennett CTC bill that should be released in mid-April.

• Renter Tax Credit
  Urge your member and their staff to research renter tax credit policies that use the tax code to help lower-income renters, and meet directly with constituents struggling with rent costs to discuss policy solutions.
Renter Tax Credit Considerations

• No federal renter tax credit yet!

• Effectively Talking to Your Member about RTC
  • Share your story, your own voice, your own truth
  • Labeling the problem and sharing your own perspective and experience
  • Agreement on problems, disagreement on policy solutions

• Rationale behind the RTC

• What can we do?
  • Organize, build interest, spread the word!

• Tax Credit and Anti-Oppression Values

• Difference between CTC and RTC
Policy Forum Guest Speaker

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Additional Resources

**Set the Agenda** Campaign Materials

- Renter Tax Credit
  - Policy Brief
  - RTC Video
  - How to Effectively Talk to Your Lawmakers About the RTC
  - Hawaii State-Level Renter Tax Credit on the news!
  - Where Other States Are on Renter Tax Credits
  - RTC Leave Behind
- Child Tax Credit
  - Policy Brief
  - Making the Conservative Case for CTC
  - CTC Leave Behind

**Resources from today's speakers**

- Child and Youth Homelessness in the United States Data Profiles and Related Analyses
- “Left Out of ‘All In:’ Children, Youth, and Families and the Federal Strategic Plan on Homelessness”
- The Pitfalls of HUD's Point-in-Time Count for Children, Youth, and Families
- The Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness: Trends, Challenges, and Needs
- Seen and Served: How Dedicated Federal Funding Supports the Identification of Students Experiencing Homelessness