

The Child Tax Credit should support working class families

Engage: Since 1997, the Child Tax Credit (CTC) has helped millions of hardworking American families weather tough economic times.

Problem: Under current law, [19 million children](#) live in homes who do not receive the full benefit of the CTC. Seventeen million of these children have parents who work full- or part-time in low-wage jobs and [disproportionately come from rural areas](#).

(share examples from leave behind)

Inform: The CTC is the most pro-family policy in a generation. When the CTC reaches the lowest income families and is paid monthly, it helps them stay housed and [employed](#), put healthy food on the table, and incentivizes healthy family formation. The CTC puts money back into the hands of American families so they can decide how to best use it to support themselves whether it is for monthly bills, their child's education, or even [starting small a business](#). Yet, millions of low-income working families receive just a fraction of the benefit, while families making as much as \$400,000 receive the full credit. This shows how out of touch our tax code is with the needs of families.

Call to Action: Will you speak to your colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee or Senate Finance Committee about expanding the CTC so that more working families with low incomes receive the full benefit? How can we follow up with you?

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