

## The Child Tax Credit should support working class families

**Engage:** Since 1997, the Child Tax Credit (CTC) has offered millions of hardworking families the tools to provide safety and stability for their children.

**Problem:** Under current law, [19 million children](#) live in homes that do not receive the full benefit of the CTC. [Seventeen million of these children](#) have parents with jobs, and they [disproportionately come from rural areas](#). Because the current tax code calculates each family's CTC using the "income phase-in" formula, there is no Child Tax Credit provided at all to families earning under \$2,500 per year, while families making as much as \$400,000 receive the full credit. This shows how out of touch the current CTC is with families earning lower wages.

**Inform:** When the CTC is paid monthly and reaches more families, especially those earning the lowest incomes, it helps provide economic stability. It puts money back into their hands so they can decide how to best use it to support themselves whether it is for monthly bills, their child's education, or emergency savings.

**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?

### NOTES