



## Congress: Improve the Child Tax Credit

**Engage:** The "One Big Beautiful Bill" Act passed by Congress in July 2025 missed a crucial opportunity to protect children from poverty.

### Notes

**Problem:** Congress could have helped 16 million children in families with low wages by expanding the Child Tax Credit (CTC). They chose not to.

**Inform:** Congress must fix this discrepancy as soon as possible. Here's how:

1. Make the CTC available to more families paid the lowest wages, by changing the "phase-in".
2. Correct the widening disparity between families already getting the full credit and those who are not.
3. Remove the refundability cap so everyone gets the same credit amount.
4. Make the credit available in monthly payments.

**Call to action:** Investing in our families and workforce is the best way to achieve our shared goal of healthy and prosperous communities. In any tax legislation this year, will you support these much-needed improvements to the CTC?