SAMPLE EMAIL:

SUBJ: Support expanded CTC/EITC over corporate tax breaks -- sign Rep. Jayapal letter

Dear ___,

[Organization name] urges you to sign onto the letter led by Rep. Pramila Jayapal opposing the inclusion of any corporate tax breaks in any tax extender or must-pass legislation unless it is accompanied by critical tax credits to help families and children through the monthly refundable Child Tax Credit and the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit.

Before their expiration, the expanded CTC and EITC were transformational for working-class families throughout America. The monthly expanded CTC payments kept 3.7 million children from poverty and reduced child poverty by 30 percent and cut food insecurity by more than one quarter.The expanded EITC helped an estimated 17 million workers, who received $700 more on average than under the previous credit.

Congress is currently considering a provision to allow Research and Development (R&D) expenses to be deducted annually, instead of every five years. This provision would cost $120 billion in revenue over the next 10 years and represents another large tax break for corporations.

At a time of enormous financial hardship for millions of American families, it would be a huge mistake for Congressional Democrats to agree to renew Trump’s corporate tax breaks without first ensuring that tax credits for children and families will be included in a final bipartisan agreement.

The letter text and link to sign on are in the Dear Colleague letter below and the deadline to sign on is COB on Thursday October 27th. We hope to see your office sign on to this important letter. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Prioritize the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit over Corporate Tax Breaks

Sending Office: Honorable Pramila Jayapal
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Join a Letter Opposing Corporate Tax Breaks in Must-Pass Bills Unless Families Receive Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit Investments

Closing Thursday, October 27 COB - Sign on via Quill

Endorsed by: American Federation of Teachers, Americans for Tax Fairness, Care Income Now, Center for American Progress, Center for Economic Policy and Research, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), Children's Defense Fund, Child Welfare League of America, Coalition on Human Needs, Community Advocates Public Policy Institute, Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces, Community Change Action, Economic Policy Institute, Economic Security Project Action, Family Equality, First Focus Campaign for Children, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Global Women's Strike, Groundwork Action, Heartland Alliance, Hispanic Federation, Income Movement, Indivisible, Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, LIFT, Inc., Main Street Alliance, Maine People's Alliance, MoveOn, National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, National Employment Law Project, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, National Women's Law Center, Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, New Jersey Policy Perspective, Payday Men's Network, ParentsTogether Action, Patriotic Millionaires, People's Action, Progressive Change Campaign Committee, Prosperity Now, RESULTS, San Diego for Every Child, Shriver Center on Poverty Law, Social Security Works, Universal Income Project, Women of Color in the Global Women's Strike. Additionally, the Center for Budget Priorities believes this is an important and timely letter.

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Dear Colleague:

I invite you to join us in sending a letter to Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Schumer urging them to oppose the inclusion of a standalone corporate tax break in any tax extender or must-pass bill that is brought to the floor for a vote, unless workers and families are provided with crucial support and relief through the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

A provision that would continue to allow Research and Development (R&D) expenses to be deducted annually, instead of every five years, is being considered in upcoming tax policy proposals. Such a provision would result in another massive tax break for corporate America and a $120 billion loss in revenue over 10 years for the U.S. government.

At a time when working families are experiencing increases in their costs of living while businesses are doing exceedingly well—as 54% of non-financial price increases go to corporate profits—House and Senate Democrats must avoid sending a deeply unpopular message to the American people. Any such corporate tax benefit must be paired with meaningful support for an expansion to the Earned Income Tax Credit or refundability or expansion to the Child Tax Credit, which would provide relief for millions of families.

Please sign-on using Quill or contact Mike at Michael.Bauduy@mail.house.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Pramila Jayapal

Member of Congress

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Schumer:

At a time when the price of essential goods and services like food, child care, and housing are near record highs and many Americans are struggling to make ends meet, we write to urge you to oppose the inclusion of corporate tax breaks in any must-pass or tax extenders bill that is brought to the floor for a vote unless workers and families are provided with commensurate support and relief. These include extending the expanded monthly refundable Child Tax Credit (CTC) and expanded Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as soon as possible, and no later than the end of the year.

We should not extend corporate tax breaks unless and until we deliver additional relief for families. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) mandated that starting in 2022, businesses could no longer amortize domestic R&D expenses each year, instead requiring that they amortize expenses over five years. While TCJA was a Republican giveaway to corporations, preventing corporations from amortizing R&D expenses annually was one of the few provisions that helped level the playing field by increasing corporate taxes. Current proposals to reverse this provision would result in another massive tax break for corporations, and a $120 billion loss in revenue over 10 years for the U.S. government.[i] This tax break would come at a time when corporate profits are at record highs[ii], corporate profits have contributed disproportionately to rising inflation[iii], and companies like Ford[iv], Amazon[v] and Boeing[vi] are paying federal tax rates below 6 percent.

Further, before their expiration, the expanded credits made monumental improvements for working-class families throughout America. The monthly expanded CTC payments kept 3.7 million children from poverty and reduced child poverty by 30 percent.[vii] The expanded EITC helped an estimated 17 million workers, who received $700 more on average than under the previous credit.[viii] In addition, these credits:

- **Helped families afford food**, almost immediately reducing food insufficiency by 24 percent after the first monthly CTC payment was sent in July;[ix]
- **Helped families** cut their relianc**e on risky financial products** like credit cards, payday loans, pawn shops – and even selling blood plasma;[x] and
- **Helped families** keep up with regular expenses, with households with children experiencing an 8 percent drop in financial insecurity after the first checks went out, compared to a 5 percent *increase* for families without kids.[xi]

While this Congress has delivered on many priorities, we have unfortunately been unable to continue some of the essential programs like the CTC that families still desperately need. As the Fed continues to raise interest rates, it is also pinching many families on housing costs including rising rental rates. That means we must be laser focused on ensuring we continue our work to show that Democrats can deliver for children and families before the end of the year by extending two of the Biden era's most effective programs for reducing poverty and helping families meet their basic needs.

A proposed delay to the amortization of R&D expenses for four years until 2026 was in the House-passed Build Back Better Act, and it was included as part of a comprehensive framework that provided major economic and tax-related support for working families while pursuing historic advances in the longstanding Democratic priority to make the wealthy and large corporations finally pay their fair share in taxes. We urge you to continue that balanced approach. Should a particular provision to delay or terminate the R&D amortization requirement be included in any must-pass or tax extender bill, it must be paired with provisions that will provide crucial support to families, specifically an extension of the expanded CTC and an expansion of the EITC. These provisions would reduce rates of childhood poverty and benefit families struggling financially. Expanding the fully refundable CTC would make these historic childhood poverty reductions permanent. Increasing EITC benefits by 40 percent and extending eligibility to families without Social Security numbers would lift 2 million children out of poverty.[xii]

Thank you for your attention to this issue. We look forward to working with you to ensure that workers and families are provided with much needed relief and are prioritized in our legislative process.

Sincerely,

CC: Chair Richard E. Neal, House Committee on Ways and Means

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