Dear *[writer/editor’s name]*,

I wanted to make sure you saw new data from the U.S. Census released yesterday showing that more than 1 in 5 American kids is living in poverty. Here in *[your state]*, the number is *[1 in X – find local data* [*here*](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/%5D)*]*.

*[*OR: *I was thrilled to see yesterday’s piece on the new Census data on poverty, but disturbed to see what the data shows.]*

Unfortunately right now, some of the country’s most successful anti-poverty programs are at risk. Last year the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit lifted 9.8 million Americans above the poverty line – but some of their most critical provisions are set to expire, jeopardizing millions of working families. I’d love to see *[Name of Your Paper]* use the new Census data to call on Congress to save these key provisions.

The credits have broad bipartisan support, as they encourage work by letting people keep what they earn. Recipients – many right here in *[Your City]* – use their refunds for basics like food and childcare, meanwhile supporting local businesses. This is a win-win-win for the taxpayer, working families, and the economy. But Congress has so far failed to act, even as it’s set to move forward with extending business tax credits this fall. More information [here](http://www.results.org/newsroom/upcoming_u.s._poverty_data_will_show_urgency_of_saving_pro_work_tax_credits/).

Is this an issue you might be willing to take up on the editorial page? I am a local volunteer with RESULTS, where we use our voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. I know *[Name of Your Paper]*’s voice would make a huge difference in what the *[Your State]*’s congressional delegation does.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

*[your name and contact info]*