**RESULTS is Looks Forward to Working with You**

**RESULTS** is a movement of passionate, committed everyday people who use their voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. We look forward to working with you on:

Ending Poverty in the U.S.

Millions of low-income working families were struggling to make ends meet before COVID-19 and the economic downturn, and now 40 percent of households with children report they have trouble paying expenses ([Census Household Pulse Survey](https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp/#/?measures=EXR), September 2020). Too many people can’t afford to keep a roof over their head, leaving them little for other expenses and leaving them at risk of eviction. Some startling facts that were true before the COVID pandemic:

* According to [Harvard researchers](https://www.jchs.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/Harvard_JCHS_State_of_the_Nations_Housing_2018.pdf), since 1960, renters' median earnings have gone up 5 percent while rents are up 61 percent.
* A worker making the prevailing minimum wage [cannot afford a two-bedroom apartment](https://reports.nlihc.org/oor) in any U.S. state
* Only one in four eligible low-income households receives federal housing assistance.
* Black renters and other people of color were [more likely to face eviction](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2019/01/18/black-southerners-are-bearing-the-brunt-of-americas-eviction-epidemic).

It is critical that we address this housing crisis in the near future to avoid a spike in evictions during a pandemic while also addressing our underlying housing crisis with bold solutions like a refundable renters credit. In addition, policymakers have an opportunity to focus on creating more opportunity through tax policy. Tax credits like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC), along with SNAP and federal housing assistance, help lift millions of families above the poverty line each year and should be expanded for low-income workers and families. These efforts are not sufficient, particularly given the impacts of COVID-19 on employment. We can work together to expand these programs and enact even better solutions.

Taking Leadership in the World

Progress is fragile. We’ve seen this with the COVID pandemic. In low-income countries, projections are that progress could be set back 10-20 years on global health in addition to setbacks for women and girls.

Here are some examples:

* [The World Bank estimates](https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/poverty-and-shared-prosperity) that the economic impact of the pandemic could push up to 150 million additional people into extreme poverty by 2021.
* Global hunger could double, and child deaths due to severe malnutrition will go up, according to [the World Food Program](https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/09/1072712).
* [According to the WHO](https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/22-05-2020-at-least-80-million-children-under-one-at-risk-of-diseases-such-as-diphtheria-measles-and-polio-as-covid-19-disrupts-routine-vaccination-efforts-warn-gavi-who-and-unicef#:~:text=Mass%20immunization%20campaigns%20temporarily%20disrupted&text=At%20least%2024%20million%20people,and%20introductions%20of%20new%20vaccines.), 80 million children are at risk contracting vaccine-preventable diseases, and 2.3 million children and 113,000 mothers could die for lack of access to maternal health services.
* We could see 673,000 additional HIV-related deaths in Africa in 2020 and 1.4 million additional TB deaths by 2025 [according to Stop TB](http://www.stoptb.org/assets/documents/covid/Covid%20impact%20on%20TB%20Modeling_Key%20Messages_FINAL.pdf) and the [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria](https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/2020-09-14-global-fund-partnership-has-saved-38-million-lives/).
* UNICEF, the U.N. Children’s Fund, [calculated that 872 million students](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/unicef-executive-director-henrietta-fore-remarks-press-conference-new-updated) in 51 countries are unable to head back to their classrooms. And according to one [study](http://www.iicba.unesco.org/sites/default/files/sites/default/files/School_Leadership_and_Governance_in_Africa_16July2020_FN.pdf) across 10 African countries, less than 15% of school leaders were keeping in touch with at least 80% of their pupils.
* [According to the Lancet](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2820%2931679-2/fulltext), women and girls are experiencing domestic violence, unintended pregnancies, and economic devastation due to COVID-19.

That’s why it’s more important than ever for the U.S. to be engaged in the world, leading efforts to support partner countries in building strong healthcare, education, and economic infrastructure. We must also ensure that the most marginalized, including women and girls, have equitable access to services and opportunities. And this is what Americans want. According to [a recent poll by the ONE Campaign](https://www.one.org/us/press/onecampaignpoll/), “nearly all voters say it is important for the U.S. to lead the world in responding (85%), preventing (86%), and detecting (85%) global infectious diseases.” We can work together on this.