November 14, 2022

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Minority Leader McCarthy House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 Minority Leader McConnell Senate Minority Office Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader McConnell:

The undersigned national, state, and community-based organizations working to end hunger urge you to reinstate the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) and the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in any end of the year tax package. With the expiration of these two programs, organizations like ours know full well how tens of millions of families are experiencing <u>higher levels of food insufficiency</u>, and <u>racial disparities are only deepening</u>.

Reinstating the expanded Child Tax Credit is a profound and historic opportunity to address hunger and improve the nutrition, health, and well-being of our nation.

Research underscores the demonstrable impact of the expanded CTC on:

- **Reducing food insufficiency:** Columbia University found that the CTC caused a reduction in food insufficiency by 19 percent among families with children.
- Providing funds for families to purchase food: Across all income levels, <u>buying</u> food was the most common use of the expanded CTC payments, according to the Urban Institute.
- **Improving healthy eating:** According to <u>Brookings</u>, CTC-eligible households were: 1.3 times more likely to increase fruit consumption; 1.5 times more likely to increase meat and protein consumption; 1.4 times more likely to report increased ability to afford balanced meals.
- **Creating jobs:** The Niskanen Center found that if an expanded CTC was in place for another year, it would support the equivalent of more than <u>500,000 private-sector</u> jobs.
- **Offsetting inflation:** More than <u>130 economists</u> recently called for restarting the monthly CTC payments to offset the toll of inflation, while attesting that the expanded CTC will not itself drive further inflation.

Not only families with children struggle to make ends meet. As such, an extension of the CTC should be coupled with an extension of the expanded EITC, which, last year, put \$700 more in the pockets of an <u>estimated 17 million American workers</u> than under the previous tax credit.

The damaging impact of the loss of these credits is clear. New research from Children's HealthWatch and Boston University School of Public Health found that food insufficiency rates among households with children increased 25% in 2022 after the monthly CTC payments ended. Failure to reinstate the extended CTC and EITC will only fuel hunger by increasing the income, educational, health, and racial disparities that are pervasive in our country.

It is essential that the CTC and EITC be extended now without further delay.

Signed by:

National

African American Health Alliance

Alliance to End Hunger

American Academy of Pediatrics

Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

Bread for the World

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Child Care Aware of America

Children's HealthWatch

Church WORLD SERVICE

Coalition on Human Needs

Congressional Hunger Center

Cradles to Crayons

Educare Learning Network

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Feeding America

First Focus Campaign for Children

Florida Prosperity Partnership, Inc.

Food Research & Action Center

FoodCorps

Generations United

GRITS Inc.

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

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Major League Nutrition

Mat-Su Valley Interfaith Hospitality Network

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National Association of Counties (NACo)

National Coalition for the Homeless

National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC)

National WIC Association

National Women's Law Center

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Share Our Strength

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The Education Trust

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Feeding Alabama

Gadsden City Schools

Hunger Free Alabama

Alaska

A Touch of Home Childcare

Alaska Food Policy Council

Alaska PIRG

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Blood N Fire Ministry of Alaska

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Emergency Assistance and Food Bank of Valdez

Food Bank of Alaska

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Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Inc.

Mat-Su Food Coalition

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Stebbins Community Association

The Alaska Food Coalition

The Children's Lunchbox

United Way of Mat-Su

Arizona

Arizona Food Bank Network

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Step Up Schools, Inc.

WHEAT (World Hunger Education, Advocacy & Training)

William E. Morris Institute for Justice

Williams Unified School District 2

Arkansas

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

Dumas School District

California

Alameda County Community Food Bank

Almanor Basin Food Pantry

Bellevue Union School District

BreastfeedLA

California Asset Building Coalition

California Association of Food Banks

California Immigrant Policy Center

CAP OC - Orange County Food Bank

Children's Defense Fund-California

Community Action Partnership of Kern

Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center

Emergency Food Bank of Stockton

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Redwood Empire Food Bank

RESULTS Silicon Valley

San Diego for Every Child

San Diego Hunger Coalition

San Francisco-Marin Food Bank

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County
Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County
Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
Second Harvest of the Greater Valley
Selma Unified School District
Southern Humboldt Community Park
United Way California Capital Region
United Way of Kern County
United Ways of California
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Westside Community Improvement Association

Colorado

Clayton Early Learning
Hunger Free Colorado
Kaizen Food Rescue
Nourish Colorado
RESULTS-Aurora, CO
Re:Vision
The Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger
The Heart & Hand Center

Connecticut

Always Home, Inc.
End Hunger Connecticut!
Fiddleheads Natural Foods Co-operative, Inc.
Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern Connecticut
Immigration Advocacy & Support Center
Ledge Light Health District
New London Community Meal Center
New London Homeless Hospitality Center
Yellow Farmhouse Education Center

Delaware

Food Bank of Delaware

District of Columbia

D.C. Hunger Solutions
DC Action
DC Food Project
DC KinCare Alliance
Paul Laurence Dunbar Tenant Association
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Florida

Florida Impact Florida Policy Institute Glades Haitian Neighborhood Center, Sant La Inc. Hispanic Unity of Florida Monroe County Social Services P.O.W.E.R. Buying Group Treasure Coast Food Bank

Georgia

Atlanta Community Food Bank Feeding Georgia Georgia Budget and Policy Institute Small World Daycare Learning Home

Hawaii

Hawaii Appleseed Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks! Mālama Kaua'i

<u>Idaho</u>

Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force

Illinois

Beyond Hunger
Chicago Food Policy Action Council
Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) / POWER-PAC IL
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Heartland Alliance
Illinois Hunger Coalition
Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House Inc
Prosper Chicago
Uni-Pres Kindercottage

Indiana

Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, Inc.
Feeding Indiana's Hungry
Food Bank of Northern Indiana
Food Bank of Northwest Indiana
Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana
Hoosier Hills Food Bank
Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute
Indy Hunger Network
Jump IN for Healthy Kids
Lafayette Urban Ministry
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
Pack Away Hunger
Playland Child Care Ministries

RESULTS Indiana Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodba

Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank Tri-State Food Bank, Inc.

Iowa

AlRazi Academy
Bidwell Riverside Center & Hawthorn Hill
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Des Moines
Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC)
Home Opportunities Made Easy, Inc. (HOME, Inc.)
Johnston Partnership
Parenting Way Inc
Urbandale Food Pantry
Warren County Health Services

Kansas

Greater Kansas City Food Policy Coalition Harvesters--The Community Food Network Kansas Action for Children Kansas Appleseed YMCA of Pittsburg

Kentucky

Feeding Kentucky Inc Graves County Schools Kentucky Center for Economic Policy Kentucky Equal Justice Center Kentucky Food Action Network Mosaic Women of Faith UMCFOOD

Louisiana

Capital Area United Way The Middleburg Institute

Maine

Full Plates Full Potential Locker Project Maine Children's Alliance Maine Equal Justice Maine People's Alliance Preble Street

Maryland

Boys & Girls Club of Westminster Feed The Fridge Let's Thrive Baltimore Manna Food Center Maryland Hunger Solutions Montgomery County Food Council No Kid Hungry - Maryland RESULTS DC/MD Student Support Network, Inc.

Massachusetts

Allston Brighton Health Collaborative

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Belmont A.M.E. Zion Church

Black Excellence Academy

Boston Medical Center

Brazilian Women's Group

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee

Catholic Charities Worcester County

Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, Inc.

Children's League of Massachusetts

Coalition for a Healthy Greater Worcester

Community Action Agency of Somerville

Community Food Collaborative

Community Harvest Project

Community Servings

Community Survival Center

Daniel's Table

Disability Law Center

DOVE (DOmestic Violence Ended), Inc.

EatWell Meal Kits

Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)

Edward Street

El Buen Samaritano Food Program Inc

Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.

ESAC Boston

First UU Church/DBA Creative Community Childcare

Food Link

Friendly House, Inc.

Ginny's Helping Hand, Inc.

God Street Project

Greater Boston Legal Services

Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Grow Food Northampton

Guild of St. Agnes of Worcester, Inc.

Healthy Chelsea

Helping Our Women

Hopedale Council on Aging

Jeremiah's Inn, Inc.

Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Boston

Jewish Vocational Service in Boston (JVS)

John Street Baptist Church

Latino Education Institute

MA Food System Collaborative

Marion Institute

Mary Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry

Mass General Brigham

Massachusetts Councils on Aging

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

AIDS Project Worcester

Merrimack Valley Food Bank, Inc.

Mill City Grows

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

New American Association of Massachusetts (NAAM)

Our Father's Table Inc.

Pernet Family Health Service

Poor Peoples United Fund

Project Bread

Quinsigamond Community College

Quinsigamond Village Community Center

REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.

Regional Environmental Council of Central MA

Rehoboth Council on Aging

Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston

Spanish American Center, Inc.

Springfield Food Policy Council

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Francis House

St. John Paul II Food Pantry

Sustainable CAPE

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

The Greater Boston Food Bank

The Open Door

The People First Food Pantry

Thrive Support & Advocacy

Together We Stand Corporation

UMass Memorial Health

United Way of Central Massachusetts

United Way of Greater New Bedford

Worcester Community Action Council

Worcester County Food Bank

Worcester Education Collaborative

Worcester Food Policy Council

Worcester Housing Authority

Worcester Interfaith

Yes We Care, Inc.

YMCA Southcoast

YOU Inc. Dynamy John S. Laws Academy

YWCA Central Massachusetts

Michigan

Cassopolis Public Schools

Food Gatherers

Home Away from Home Childcare

Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes

Ottawa Food

YMCA of Saginaw

Minnesota

Advocates for Better Health

Family Pathways

GMCC Minnesota FoodShare

Hunger Solutions Minnesota

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis

Keystone Community Services

Neighborhood House

Open Arms of Minnesota

Pillsbury United Communities

PRISM

PRISM Board of Directors

Second Harvest Heartland

The Aliveness Project

The Food Group

The Open Door

Valley Outreach

West Central Initiative

Mississippi

Delta Fresh Foods Initiative

East Biloxi Community Collaborative

Higher Purpose Co

Immigrant Alliance for Justice and Equity

Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health

Mississippi Black Women's Roundtable

Mississippi Economic Inclusion Coalition

Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative

We2gether Creating Change

Missouri

Empower Missouri

Harvesters--The Community Food Network

Kids Win Missouri

Missouri Alliance of YMCAs

Missouri Budget Project

Missouri KidsFirst

NourishKC

Operation Food Search

St. Louis Area Foodbank

Montana

Farm to School of Park County

Livingston Food Resource Center

Montana Budget & Policy Center

Montana Food Bank Network

North Dakota KIDS COUNT

Sun River Valley Schools

Superior Schools Pantry & Share Closet

Nebraska

Food Bank for the Heartland Food Bank of Lincoln Nebraska Appleseed Together

Nevada

Churchill County William N Pennington Life Center Faith Lutheran Food Pantry Food Bank of Northern Nevada Sparks United Methodist Church Food Pantry Three Square Food Bank

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Hunger Solutions The Community Kitchen, Inc.

New Jersey

Abundant Life Community Develop Corp Casa Freehold Hunger Free New Jersey Minaret Foundation TASK (Trenton Area Soup Kitchen)

New Mexico

Hobbs Municipal Schools

New York

Amityville Union Free School District Ark of Salvation Brighter Tomorrows Community Food Advocates Early Childhood Learning Center Program Inc.

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Fellowship Baptist Church of Wyandanch

First Christian Church of Brentwood

Food Bank of Central New York

Goodwill A.M.E. Church

Gordon Heights SDA Pantry

Grace A.M.E. Zion Church

Grow Brooklyn Inc.

Gural JCC

Head Start of Rockland, Inc.

Hempstead SDA church

Hicksville Boys & Girls Club

Hunger Solutions New York

Interreligious Food Consortium (IFC), Syracuse NY

Island Harvest Food Bank

Living Water for Women, Inc.

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Mechanicville City School District

Mohawk Valley CAA

Never Alone, Never Afraid Inc

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc

North Shore Guidance

Open Arms Care Center

Penn Yan Central School District

Perfecting Faith Church

Pronto of Long Island, Inc.

Repairers Of The Broken (dba) The Manna Project Of Long Island

Resurrection House, Inc.

Rise Life Services

Ruth A.M.E. Zion Church

SCAN-Harbor, Inc.

Soule Food Inc

St Boniface Church

St Boniface Martyr Church in Sea Cliff NY

St. Bernard Church

St. Jude Parish Outreach

St. Lawrence Outreach

Starlight Family Daycare Center LLC

Sweet Home CSD

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (LI)

North Carolina

reFund NC

Rockingham County Schools

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina

North Dakota

Ehrens Consulting

Great Plains Food Bank

Sacred Pipe Resource Center

Ohio

Franklin County Local Food Council

Freestore Foodbank

Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Hall Hunger Initiative

Ohio Association of Foodbanks

Policy Matters Ohio

RESULTS Central Ohio

RESULTS Cleveland

Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio

Special Day Camp Programs

The Center for Community Solutions

Oklahoma

Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma Hunger Free Oklahoma Oklahoma Policy Institute Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

<u>Oregon</u>

HFHA

Oregon Food Bank

The Fund for Portland Public Schools

Pennsylvania

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

Community Legal Services of Philadelphia

Cumberland County Food System Alliance

Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

Hunger-Free Pennsylvania

Just Harvest

Lehigh Valley Food Policy Council

Partnership for Better Health

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Philabundance

Premier Arts & Science Charter School

Project SHARE of Carlisle

Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill Philadelphia

United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey

Puerto Rico

Instituto del Desarrollo de la Juventud

Tenedor Social Inc.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Community Food Bank

University of Rhode Island Feinstein Hunger Center

South Carolina

Performing Arts & Science Aca

SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center

Tennessee

Milan Polk Clark Enrichment Center

Northwest Tennessee Local Food Network

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee

Tennessee Justice Center

Trudy's Kids Café

Texas

El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank

Every Texan

Feeding Texas

Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.

GROW North Texas

Houston Food Bank

North Texas Food Bank

RAISE Texas

San Antonio Food Bank

Tarrant Area Food Bank

United Way of Metropolitan Dallas

Utah

Community Action Services and Food Bank Crossroads Urban Center

MOSAIC Inter-Faith Ministries

Utahns Against Hunger

Vermont

Hunger Free Vermont Let's. Grow. Kid's Vermont Foodbank

Virginia

Cultivate Charlottesville

Federation of Virginia Food Banks

Grace Church | Red Hill

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

Virginia Hunger Solutions a project of Virginia Poverty Law Center

Voices for Virginia's Children

Washington

Children's Alliance

Faith Action Network (FAN)

Food Lifeline

Northwest Harvest

Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER)

Paschal Sherman Indian school

Port Angeles Food Bank

RESULTS Kitsap

Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness

Southwest Washington RESULTS Group

Statewide Poverty Action Network

United Way of King County

United Way of Pierce County

University District Food Bank

Washington Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition

Washington Food Coalition

Washington State Community Action Partnership

West Virginia

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Wisconsin

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