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U.S. Senators Reintroduce Legislation to Restore Expanded Child Tax Credit Eligibility to 19 million Kids

Economic Security Project applauds leaders on Capitol Hill for championing the Working Families Tax Relief Act

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) – alongside Senators Michael Bennet (D-CO), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) – reintroduced the Working Families Tax Relief Act. This legislation would permanently restore the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the fully refundable, monthly Child Tax Credit (CTC), two of the American Rescue Plan’s most successful policies for supporting working families.

Following the bill’s reintroduction, **Economic Security Project’s Vice President of Campaigns and Political Strategy Adam Ruben** released the statement below:

“The Working Families Tax Relief Act builds upon two of our nation’s most effective economic policies from the Biden Era – the expanded Earned Income and Child Tax Credits – ensuring families have the financial security they need to endure the rising cost of food, fuel, and rent. Since Congress failed to renew these pandemic-era expansions, 19 million children – chiefly from low-income families and families of color – have been unable to access the tax credits they deserve, including nearly seven million Latino and more than four million Black kids. The champions of the Child Tax Credit, in both the House and Senate, demonstrate a sharp contrast with House Republicans, who have prioritized passing tax handouts for corporations over relief for working families.”

“While we encourage leaders on Capitol Hill to support the Working Families Tax Relief Act, Economic Security Project will also continue our fight to ensure Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) restoration is included in any legislation being considered in Washington. Whether that’s pressing Members of Congress to voice their support on-the-record or working to translate state-level advocacy for inclusive CTC policy into Senate action, we look forward to advancing legislation that transforms more comprehensive EITC and CTC programs into a permanent part of American life.”

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