



National Urban League



June 22, 2023

Dear Members of Congress,

On behalf of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Educational Fund (LDF), Community Change Action, the NAACP, and Unidos US, we are writing to you today to express our deep concern about the continued erosion of the rights of Black Americans and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the lives of Black Americans. We are writing to you today to express our deep concern about the continued erosion of the rights of Black Americans and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the lives of Black Americans.

To ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to succeed, we must address the systemic racism and discrimination that has led to the racial wealth gap. The racial wealth gap is the largest source of inequality in our country, and it is a barrier to economic mobility. We must address the systemic racism and discrimination that has led to the racial wealth gap. The racial wealth gap is the largest source of inequality in our country, and it is a barrier to economic mobility.

The persistent economic inequality that we see in our country is a result of systemic racism and discrimination. We must address the systemic racism and discrimination that has led to the racial wealth gap. The racial wealth gap is the largest source of inequality in our country, and it is a barrier to economic mobility.

¹ See TOM SHAPIRO ET AL., LDF THURGOOD MARSHALL INST. & INST. ON ASSETS AND SOC. POL'Y AT BRANDEIS UNIV. THE BLACK-WHITE RACIAL WEALTH GAP (2019), <https://minstitutelf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/FINAL-RWG-Brief-v1.pdf>.

² JOHN CREAMER, ET AL., U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, POVERTY IN THE UNITED STATES: 2021 tbl. B-2 (2022), <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2022/demo/p60-277.html>.

of our health and well-being - In a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, researchers found that the use of telemedicine for mental health services is associated with a 25% increase in the use of mental health services.³

Expanding the Child Tax Credit (CTC) is a key policy option to reduce child poverty. The CTC is a refundable tax credit that allows parents to claim a credit for each child under the age of 17. The CTC is currently worth up to \$2,000 per child, but it is only available to families with income below a certain level. Expanding the CTC to higher income families would help reduce child poverty by providing more families with the resources they need to care for their children. The CTC is a key policy option to reduce child poverty because it provides a direct benefit to families with children. The CTC is a refundable tax credit that allows parents to claim a credit for each child under the age of 17. The CTC is currently worth up to \$2,000 per child, but it is only available to families with income below a certain level. Expanding the CTC to higher income families would help reduce child poverty by providing more families with the resources they need to care for their children. The CTC is a key policy option to reduce child poverty because it provides a direct benefit to families with children.

For more information on the impact of the CTC, visit <https://www.cbpp.org/research/federal-tax/policymakers-should-expand-child-tax-credit-in-year-end-legislation-to-fight-child-poverty>.

³ NAT'L ACADEMIES OF SCI., ENGINEERING, & MEDICINE, A ROADMAP TO REDUCING CHILD POVERTY (2019).
⁴ Chuck Marr, et al., Policymakers Should Expand Child Tax Credit in Year-End Legislation to Fight Child Poverty, CTR. FOR BUDGET & POL'Y PRIORITIES, Oct. 20, 2022, <https://www.cbpp.org/research/federal-tax/policymakers-should-expand-child-tax-credit-in-year-end-legislation-to-fight-child-poverty>.
⁵ Id.
⁶ Id.
⁷ Press Release, Ctr. for Budget & Pol'y Priorities, In Pandemic's Second Year, Government Policies Helped Drive Child Poverty Rate to a Record Low, Cut Uninsured Rate, New Census Data Show (Sept. 13, 2022), <https://www.cbpp.org/press/statements/in-pandemics-second-year-government-policies-helped-drive-child-poverty-rate-to-a-record-low>.
⁸ Id.
⁹ Id.
¹⁰ LEAH HAMILTON, ET AL., BROOKING INST., THE IMPACTS OF THE 2021 EXPANDED CHILD TAX CREDIT ON FAMILY EMPLOYMENT, NUTRITION, AND FINANCIAL WELL-BEING (2022), https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Child-Tax-Credit-Report-Final_Updated.pdf.
¹¹ Marr, supra note 5.

poverty rate for children under 18 years old rose from 12.1% in January 2020 to 17% in January 2022, the highest rate since December 2020. ¹² The child tax credit is a key anti-poverty program that has helped reduce poverty for millions of children.

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Congress should take action to extend the child tax credit and the earned income tax credit through 2025. This would help reduce poverty for millions of children and their families.

¹² Zachary Parolin, et al., Absence of Monthly Child Tax Credit Leads to 3.7 Million More Children in Poverty in January 2022: Child Poverty Rises From 12.1% to 17%, Highest Rate Since December 2020, COLUMB. U. CTR. ON POVERTY & SOCIAL POL'Y BRIEF, vol. 6, no. 2 (2022), <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/610831a16c95260dbd68934a/t/620ec869096c78179c7c4d3c/1645135978087/Monthly-poverty-January-CPSP-2022.pdf>.

¹³ Id.

¹⁴ Delores Acevedo-Garcia, et al., A Policy Equity Analysis of the EITC Fully including children in immigrant families and Hispanic in this key anti-poverty program (2022), Brandeis University and diversitydatakids.org, <https://www.diversitydatakids.org/research-library/policy-equityassessment/policy-equity-analysis-eitc>

¹⁵ NPR, ET AL. PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF U.S. RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES IN TODAY'S DIFFICULT TIMES (2022), <https://legacy.npr.org/assets/pdf/2022/08/NPR-RWJF-Harvard-Poll.pdf>; Chuck Marr, Rising Food and Energy Prices Underscore the Urgency of Acting on the Child Tax Credit, CTR. FOR BUDGET & POL'Y PRIORITIES (Mar. 28, 2022), <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/rising-food-and-energy-prices-underscore-the-urgency-of-acting-on-the-child-tax-credit>

¹⁶ Chuck Marr, Inflation Report Underscores Urgency to Extend Child Tax Credit Expansion, CTR. FOR BUDGET & POL'Y PRIORITIES (Feb. 28, 2022), <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/inflation-report-underscores-urgency-to-extend-child-tax-credit-expansion>.

¹⁷ Open Letter from Alan Blinder, Martin Neil Baily, Douglas Elmendorf, Oliver Hart, Robert Reich, Robert Solow, Joseph Stiglitz, Laura Tyson, et al.

<https://economysecurityproject.org/resource/economists-urge-congressional-leaders-to-extend-the-expanded-ctc-to-help-families-meet-rising-costs/>

¹⁸ Id.

We appreciate your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

NAACP Educational Fund (CLDF)
Community Action
The Leadership Conference on Human Rights
NAACP
The National Magazine
United States