

December 10, 2024

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President-elect of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President-elect Trump,

When you signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) into law in 2017, you set American families on a course to be great again.

You provided sweeping tax relief to families all across the country, particularly through the historic doubling of the Child Tax Credit (CTC) from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Fortunately, this increase was achieved before the exploding inflation families endured during the Biden administration. Unfortunately, the increase is now set to expire in 2025, leaving millions of hard-working American families with far less of their hard-earned money.

We write to you today as conservative pro-family leaders to encourage you to build on the tremendous achievements in the TCJA by enacting a permanent CTC, in line with that proposed by your Vice President-elect JD Vance, who said, *"I'd love to see a child tax credit that's \$5,000 per child . . . President Trump has been on the record for a long time supporting a bigger child tax credit, and I think you want it to apply to all American families."*<sup>1</sup>

The American people agree. A recent poll commissioned by Students for Life of America and conducted by Kellyanne Conway Consulting found 66% of Americans support an increase in the CTC like that proposed by Vice President-elect Vance, while only 19% oppose it.<sup>2</sup>

Your instincts are correct, and you have already succeeded in strengthening the CTC. Now, in possession of a mandate from the American people, you have an opportunity to build on that success. Together with Congress, you can increase the size of the credit to stop further erosion from Bidenomics' inflation and remove penalties for larger working families. Indeed, earlier this year the Republican-controlled House passed the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act. This legislation, had it been enacted, would have applied the credit on a per-child rather than per-family basis, and indexed the credit to inflation, among other efforts to make American families stronger.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/jd-vance-child-tax-credit-5000-what-to-know/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.instituteforprolifeadvancement.org/registered-voters-are-more-likely-to-support-limits-on-abortion-when-there-is-help-for-families-in-crisis/>

Now is the time to take strong action to bolster the financial foundation of hard-working American families. The American people spoke loud and clear at the ballot box, and they are eager to welcome common sense tax relief for the foundational cornerstone of our society—the family. Because the future of America passes through the family.

As you know, the U.S. tax code is needlessly complex. Too often, its design is disproportionately skewed against both marriage and family formation, which makes the task of raising a family during times of rising costs all the more difficult. We should always advance policies—including through the tax code—that intentionally recognize the critically important role the family plays in the promotion of a flourishing society. A significantly strengthened and permanent CTC that builds on what was achieved in the TCJA is the perfect place to start.

We are grateful for your leadership and look forward to working with you to deliver for American families and children.

Sincerely,

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Former U.S. Senator

Newt Gingrich  
Former Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives

Michele Bachmann  
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