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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
United State House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Democratic Leader  
United State House of Representative  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson and Democratic Leader Jeffries:

United Way Worldwide strongly supports the bipartisan proposal to expand the Child Tax Credit (CTC), H.R. 7024, the Tax Relief for American Workers and Families Act of 2024. With over 900 local affiliates nationwide and a presence in every Congressional district, we have seen firsthand the critical difference the CTC has made for families with children. We urge Congress to pass this bipartisan proposal as soon as possible.

In recognition of its effectiveness, the CTC has received over 26 years of bipartisan support from policymakers and a broad, diverse set of stakeholders including community and faith leaders, business leaders, and more. In 2022, the number of children in poverty spiked by 5 million. Now, Congress has a critical and rare opportunity to pass this bipartisan legislation that we know directly and effectively helps low-income children and families.

This legislation is the best chance for this Congress to significantly reduce child poverty and help millions of struggling families. By expanding the CTC, the legislation would lift as many as 400,000 children above the poverty line and make life better for an additional three million children below the poverty line this year. Overall, 16 million low-income children in families with low earnings would receive a larger CTC with this bill, which will help local businesses.

Our country is strong only when all communities are strong. This bipartisan tax proposal will undoubtedly help the communities and people we serve across the nation. We urge you to support this legislation and enact it expeditiously.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela F. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.