



October 27th, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jim Clyburn
Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hoyer, and Whip Clyburn:

Over the past two years, Democrats and President Biden have delivered on our promises to the American people with historic investments in our families, communities, innovators, economy, and global alliances. From day one of this Congress, the New Democrat Coalition (NDC) has led the charge for one of the most critical and impactful policies of the American Rescue Plan (ARP): the enhanced Child Tax Credit (CTC). The enhanced CTC lifted millions of children out of poverty, gave parents the flexibility to return to work, and provided families a stronger opportunity to succeed. As Members of the New Democrat Coalition, we write today to ask that you prioritize the enhanced CTC in any end-of-year package.

New Dems are committed to supporting American families and strengthening the middle class. We know that when our children and families have the resources to succeed, America succeeds. New Dems believe in evidence-based policymaking, and the evidence couldn't be clearer: American families and our economy benefit from the enhanced CTC. According to recent data from the Census Bureau, the child poverty rate fell from 9.7 percent in 2020 to 5.2 percent in 2021, a 46 percent decline in a single year while the enhanced CTC was in place. The 2021 child poverty rate was the lowest on record. Without the American Rescue Plan's CTC expansion, child poverty would have been 8.1% and more than 2 million additional children would have been in poverty.

In order to build an economy that ensures every American has the opportunity to succeed, we must invest in policies that support our workers and families and help American businesses

compete in the global economy. The research and development (R&D) tax credit has helped foster the competitiveness and innovation of the U.S. economy and American businesses. Unfortunately, as a pay-for gimmick for the irresponsible 2017 GOP tax law, Republicans made an onerous, punitive change to the tax treatment of R&D expensing beginning in 2022. Unless addressed, this detrimental GOP tax change will hurt U.S. economic competitiveness, stifle the innovation that has powered our economy, and undermine the historic investments President Biden and Democrats in Congress have made in science, technology, and the growth and opportunities of U.S, businesses, workers, students, and entrepreneurs.

The U.S. economy needs both innovation and opportunity. New Dems believe that we must extend the enhanced CTC so American families and children have the resources and opportunities to flourish, and also fix the punitive Republican R&D tax change to foster the competitiveness and cutting-edge innovation of the U.S. economy and American businesses. Both are critical to creating long-term, widely shared economic growth.

We look forward to working with you to ensure U.S. workers, families, entrepreneurs, farmers, ranchers, and businesses have the opportunity and resources to succeed, and lead, in the global economy. Thank you for your leadership and relentless commitment to the American people.

Sincerely,



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