



September 23, 2022

The Honorable Janet L. Yellen
Secretary of the Treasury
US Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20020

The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Secretary Yellen and Commissioner Rettig:

We, the undersigned members of the Automatic Benefit for Children (ABC) Coalition, urge the Internal Revenue Service to **send letters to parents and caregivers who received the advanced Child Tax Credit (CTC) between July and December 2021, but who have not yet filed to claim the second half of their payments.**

The letter should: (1) communicate the amount the caregiver could potentially receive if they claim the CTC on a tax return this year and (2) clearly direct them to childtaxcredit.gov, which has bilingual content and simple routing to filing tools, for information about how to file their 2021 tax return.

As evidenced by the IRS' letters to non-filers in 2020 and 2021, continued outreach is critical to ensure that families with children who are facing increased economic hardship [due to the expiration of the advanced monthly payments](#) and rising costs are able to make ends meet. Data from 2021 suggests that IRS outreach letters were by far [the most effective CTC outreach strategy](#), possibly generating hundreds of thousands of returns. Repeated letters with simple and relevant information, such as the potential benefit amount, increase the likelihood of individuals filing to claim the second half of their 2021 CTC, which will provide much needed resources to families in the coming months. In addition to playing a crucial role in directing resources to families who need them most, the letter can provide a reminder of the support offered by this Administration through the expanded CTC.

We urge the IRS to send these letters **as soon as possible** so that caregivers have time to file before the November 15th deadline to claim the CTC through the simplified process provided through childtaxcredit.gov.

Sincerely,

The Arc of the United States
Black Women for Wages for Housework
Bread for the World
Care Income Now
CCC CalWORKs Association
Center for Economic and Policy Research
Center for Law and Social Policy

Center for the Study of Social Policy
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Defense Fund
Children's HealthWatch
Coalition on Human Needs
Code for America
Common Sense Media
Community Change Action
Community Legal Services of Philadelphia
Educational Alliance
Every Mother is a Working Mother Network
First Focus on Children
Food Research & Action Center
Foster America
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Futures Without Violence
Global Women's Strike
Golden State Opportunity
Greater Boston Legal Services
Hispanic Federation
ideas42 Policy Lab
Income Movement
Maine Equal Justice
MomsRising
National Community Action Partnership
National Head Start Association
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
ParentsTogether Action
Payday men's network
Prosperity Now
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San Diego for Every Child
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UNIDOS US
United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
United Way Worldwide
United Ways of California
Universal Income Project
Women of Color in the Global Women's Strike
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CC:

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