

The announcement that the IRS will begin monthly payments of the expanded Child Tax Credit on July 15 is a tremendous boost for struggling American families and will do more to reduce child hunger in America than any single policy has in decades. The American Rescue Plan increased the credit amount per child and made the full credit available to more families. Unfortunately, Congress only expanded the Child Tax Credit for one year.

The idea of expanding the Child Tax Credit to help lower-income families is not new and has had bipartisan support. Roughly 39 million households – covering almost 90% of children in the United States – will receive these monthly payments. Distributing the credit monthly instead of as a one-time tax refund is an important feature of the expansion and will help families make ends meet every month.

Permanently expanding the Child Tax Credit would lift more than [five million children](#) out of poverty – cutting child poverty by nearly half. It would [reduce poverty](#) among Black children by 52 percent, Latino children by 45 percent, Native American children by 62 percent, White children by 39 percent, and Asian American and Pacific Islander children by 37 percent. I urge (insert your Members of Congress) to support the permanent expansion of the Child Tax Credit.