

FRAC Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit Model Letters to the Editor

Planning to submit an LTE? Please let us know so we can track submissions from anti-hunger stakeholders: aashbrook@frac.org, sbeaudoin@frac.org

Tips:

- Keep it short and focus. Most outlets are looking for 200 words or less and are more likely to publish shorter letters.
- Call on your members of Congress by name. Congressional offices often monitor and share letters to the editor.
- Include your name and contact information.
- Check the outlet to see if they have other requirements and how to submit.

Be sure to add content tying your letter to a recent article published in the outlet you're writing to. For example, you could link it to an article on the CTC/EITC, one on hunger and economic hardship this holiday season, or one on inflation. Here are some ideas on simple ties:

- As [article name] lifted up, many families in [location] are struggling this holiday season.
- The article [article name] was an important piece on the need for Congress to reinstate the expanded Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit.
- I appreciate the focus in [article name] on how inflation is making it more difficult for families in [location] to make ends meet.

Model LTEs

A Healthy Future for Children

Word count: 150

[article reference]

Too many families are struggling to pay for basic needs like food, housing, and keeping the heat on this winter. It doesn't have to be that way. The expanded Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit that families received in 2021 had huge [positive impacts on families](#), especially on their [ability to put food on the table](#). The harm of not continuing these expanded tax credits is more than clear: When the Child Tax credit ended, there was an associated [25 percent rise in the rate of not having enough to eat among households with children](#). Our Members of Congress must come together with colleagues across the aisle to reinstate these essential investments in families in any year-end tax package. [Your MOC's], this holiday season, prioritize the needs of children and families to ensure they, and our country, have a strong and healthy future, free from hunger.

Thriving Families, Thriving Communities

Word Count: 119

[article reference]

The expanded Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit that families received in 2021 had huge [positive impacts on families](#), especially on their [ability to put food on the table](#). These programs also benefited our local economy. One study found that, if the expanded Child Tax

Credit were in place for another year, it would support the equivalent of [half a million private-sector jobs](#). In fact, [130 economists](#) called for restarting the monthly Child Tax Credit payments to help offset rising costs. This holiday season, it's time for [your MOCs] to invest in [state name]'s families and communities by reinstating the expanded Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit in any year-end tax package.

We Know How to Fight Childhood Poverty

Word count: 152

If someone told you we know how to cut child poverty in our country in half what would you say? I know I'd say "what are we waiting for?!" Well, we know how to do just that, now we need Congress to take action. [article reference] The 2021 expanded Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit that families received in 2021 had huge positive impacts on families. For example, the expanded Child Tax Credit boosted families' [ability to put food on the table](#) and helped [cut child poverty in the U.S. by an astounding 46 percent](#). These tax credit expansions ended at the start of this year, and families are struggling with wages that don't match up with high costs. [Your MOCs] must prioritize children and families in [state] and across our country by reinstating the expanded Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit in any year-end tax package.