

“Who Gives A Damn About The Children?”- Senator Adith Attempts To Scrap Universal Child Benefit From American Budget Act - Op-Ed By Senator Nazbol909

Over the past year, America has been through hell and back. The crisis we have gone through has left our communities damaged and in crisis. On top of an already failing system, and the challenges of the 21st century which our government has failed to respond to, the pandemic and its side effects put countless Americans through a state of crisis, specifically parents. The parents and guardians of America were put into countless difficult situations through the pandemic, being faced with the challenges of layoffs, home-learning, and financial struggles. And with so many parents already forced to live in a state of subsistence living, working multiple jobs just to provide for their children, there has always been a need for a cash-transfer program providing direct payments to parents and guardians. What we have always needed is a Universal Child Benefit putting resources into the hands of those who sacrifice so much in the name of providing for America's children. A Universal Child Benefit would be a direct stimulus to support our children, giving parents the money they need to properly support themselves and their families, and pumping money right into our communities and regional economies. A UCB program is a vital step we can take to guarantee a future for America's children as we continue our battle fighting poverty and our current system of scarcity.

So, when I saw that [The American Budget Act of 2021](#) included a provision establishing a Universal Child Benefit, I was as joyful as could be. Finally, the parents and children of America would be receiving the support they so desperately need. However, one man was unsatisfied. Fitting it into his busy schedule of attempting to [defend flawed polygraph tests being used on Federal job applicants](#), Senator Adith of Dixie decided that with the American Budget Act reaching the Senate floor, he would set to work, releasing a series of flawed and doomed amendments which had no purpose but to serve as a headache as Democrats in the Senate moved to kill them. However, the amendment that stuck out to me the most, was [this](#). The amendment struck both the proposed UCB and a proposed reform to corporate tax credits, incentivizing corporations affected to raise the wages they provide to their employees. In return, the amendment replaced these two proposals with the flawed “Startup Booster Act of 2021”. This act is a proposed tax credit which looks to support startups and small businesses, but which in its operation and form would not be able to generate economic activity in America's communities or support small businesses in as useful a fashion as compared to the proposals it replaces, as it trades away not just the economic gain many small businesses and local communities would see as parents and workers are allowed more funds in their hands, but also the financial security of America's children as their parents and guardians are unable to see many of the gains from strengthened small businesses(Which would likely be strengthened regardless and in greater form under the two proposals Senator Adith's amendment scraps) and are left with the same stagnated wages we all know and hate. On its own, Senator Adith's proposal is not inherently bad, but with it being proposed as an alternative to direct cash-transfers to countless American families, and to higher wages for countless workers, I am repulsed.

In a scenario where America's children were not a consideration in this discussion, I would simply consider this some more bad policy from the GOP. Just another proposal from a party which is known for its lacking domestic policy. However, America's children are a consideration in this discussion, and Senator Adith is failing them. America's parents and guardians are struggling every day to get by, and Adith is sidelining their plight and the struggle of countless children in favor of policy which fails to do what it intends to as effectively as the UCB and proposed reforms to corporate tax credits. Right now Americans across this nation are struggling, and it is failed domestic policy such as this which has defined the Republican Party and their solution to this struggle. America's parents, no, America's children, cannot sit by and watch as their elected representatives are forced to spend time voting down proposals such as this. Dixie's parents and children cannot stand by as an elected Senator of their state throws them by the wayside for a tax credit proposal for small businesses. Senator Adith, cut it with the bad policy, and please do understand that if you're willing to throw away the children of your state and this nation for poorly thought-through proposals, then the voters of your state and this nation will be willing to throw you and your party away. Thank you, and trans rights.