



January 30, 2024

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the American Public Health Association, a diverse community of public health professionals that champion the health of all people and communities, I write in strong support of the expanded child tax credit provisions included in H.R. 7024, the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024. This bipartisan legislation is expected to be considered in the House of Representatives as early as this week. The child tax credit plays a critical role in reducing childhood poverty and improving the health of our nation's most vulnerable children. We call on all members of Congress to support this essential provision to expand this benefit that will help reduce health inequities and improve public health.

According to [a recent analysis](#) by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the bill's expanded child tax credit provisions will cover 80% of the 19 million children who currently receive only a partial credit or no credit at all because their families' incomes are too low to qualify for the credit. An estimated 16 million children from all races and ethnicities would benefit under the provision which would provide them with the full credit. In the first year, the proposal is expected to lift more than 400,000 children out of poverty and make millions of children less poor. This expansion will improve the financial status of millions of families and provide them with additional resources to spend on food, housing, education, health care and other essential goods and services linked to improved health.

APHA is committed to championing optimal, equitable health and well-being for all. Reducing poverty is a key component to achieving improved and more equitable health for our nation's children and their families. We strongly urge all members of Congress to support the inclusion of these important provisions to reduce childhood poverty in any final tax package considered this year.

Thank you for your attention to our views. We look forward to working with you on this and other bipartisan efforts to improve the health and well-being of the nation.

Sincerely,

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