



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](https://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](https://childtaxcredit.gov).

Sincerely,

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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  
RESULTS  
San Diego for Every Child  
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United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey  
United Way Worldwide  
United Ways of California  
Universal Income Project  
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