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12/02/21 Update: On November 19, the House passed legislation that included federal investments in a first-ever permanent family and medical leave program. A clear, certain, and permanent pathway to citizenship remains uncertain. As the Senate next prepares to take up and pass their version of the bill, they must ensure the final package is as strong and inclusive as possible. [Tell your Senators to vote yes on historic investments in children and families.](#)

Last week, President Biden released an updated Build Back Better framework, and the House Democrats responded by releasing a compromise Build Back Better bill. This bill is not yet finalized, and as negotiations continue, we may see more changes to what's included.

The compromise bill includes important generational investments to boost families economic stability and reduce racial inequities in income, housing, education, and health care that disproportionately harm Black, Latino, and Indigenous children. However, it leaves out important investments to ensure children and families have what they need to thrive.

Here's what's currently included in the Build Back Better Act (BBB):

Here's what was left out:

[The State of America's Children 2021](#) made it clear that even before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, we were failing to provide our children with even the most basic building blocks for success, and the pandemic has only heightened long-standing racial and economic disparities. Though this bill includes important investments, we can't compromise when it comes to the well-being of children and we can't wait any longer to meaningfully invest in supports for children and families. Until every child has what they need to thrive, even better is not yet good enough. Congress must pursue every option to ensure children and families economic security, health, and well-being.

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