

From: Representative Barbara Lee <Rep.Barbara.Lee@mail.house.gov> To: leedcoffice@mail.house.gov Subject: UPDATE: Claim your expanded and improved child tax credit Date: Wed, 05 May 2021 18:06:33 -0400 Dear Friend, Child poverty is a crisis. In California and across the country, families have struggled to make ends meet during this very difficult year. But help is now on the way. The American Rescue Plan included a temporary increase in the Child Tax Credit for 2021 and is making advanced payments to qualifying families. Previously, the amount was \$2,000 and families with little or no tax obligations weren't eligible for the program. Beginning in July through December, all families who qualify will receive monthly payments, \$250 per month per child aged 6-17, and \$300 per month for every child under the age of six. The IRS will use prior-year tax returns to determine who qualifies for the higher credit. This measure is expected to directly benefit an estimated 108,600 children in California's 13th District. As Co-Chair of the Majority Leader's Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity and member of the House Appropriations Committee, I was proud to fight for this expanded and improved tax credit. For more information, visit the IRS website [here](#). It is unacceptable that millions of have fallen deeper into poverty since the start of the pandemic. No family should struggle to keep food on the table. This is a critical step in our fight to end child poverty and help families get through this crisis, but we cannot stop here. I will continue working with my colleagues to make the Child Tax Credit expansion permanent and reduce child poverty for generations to come. I want to hear from you: Do you think the expanded and improved Child Tax Credit should be made permanent? By taking this survey, you will be opted in to future emails. Best, Barbara Lee

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