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Representative Aisha Gomez  
Chair, Taxes Committee  
5 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Gomez and Members of the Committee,

The Minnesota's Prenatal to Three Coalition (PN-3) is writing in support of the HF 1938 DE Amendment, to support young children and their families by investing in a Child and Working Family Credit. The PN-3 Coalition is excited to see significant investments in Minnesota's youngest children and their families. We believe public investments aimed at supporting healthy growth, development and learning will positively position children and families for a great start in life.

Providing families with this tax credit empowers parents to decide what is best for their family's unique situation by bridging funding gaps for low-income families to access quality food, housing, and education and care programs to improve school readiness in populations with the highest needs. Investing in child and family tax credits will not only improve the economic stability of families in Minnesota, but child tax credits are shown to help reduce child poverty, homelessness and drastically cut child hunger by increasing their family's ability to meet their child's basic needs.

Investing in child tax credits are necessary to promote and protect the health and wellbeing of all children in Minnesota while uplifting Black and indigenous children who are disproportionately represented in low-income and poverty populations. Please join us in supporting the HF 1938 DE Amendment, to support families and to promote better education, health, social and economic outcomes for children in Minnesota.

Thank you,

Deb Fitzpatrick,  
Children's Defense Funds-MN,  
Co-Chair

Nancy Jost,  
West Central Initiative,  
Co-Chair

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