



April 6, 2026

Minnesota House Taxes Committee  
5th Floor Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Gomez, Chair Davids and Members of the House Taxes Committee:

The Legal Services Advocacy Project (LSAP) appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HF4621.

LSAP and the Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC) are statewide projects of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid. MDLC provides free legal services to children and adults with disabilities. LSAP is the advocacy arm of Legal Aid and has provided legislative and administrative advocacy on behalf of Minnesotans with low incomes since 1977.

Legal Aid still has tremendous gratitude for the Legislature's bipartisan work to pass the Child Tax Credit in 2023, and we anticipate strong statewide anti-poverty impacts of this powerful tool.

Today, even in an alleged strong Minnesota economy and labor market, the rising costs of food, diapers, and fuel are hurting the families we represent at a level unseen in recent memory. Food shelves are collapsing under the demand. Deep federal cuts to SNAP are now beginning to hit thousands of Minnesota households with children. Parents are watching the costs of some basic household and hygiene items double, and working parents do not always have the luxury of "shopping around" for a better deal.

We continue to ask our families to do more with less and that structure is unsustainable.

While this proposed increase to the Child Tax Credit is modest, it comes at a time of crisis for many families statewide and any amount of investment is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Webster", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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