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Chair Aisha Gomez  
Minnesota House Taxes Committee  
453 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Gomez and members of the House Taxes Committee:

With over 22,000 members, the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) is the leading organization representing professional nursing across Minnesota. As leaders in labor and healthcare, we are a voice for hospital nurses statewide on issues related to the health and well-being of the public.

MNA supports the Minnesota Child Tax Credit, and we appreciate seeing the inclusion of a Child Tax Credit (CTC) in the House omnibus bill. As an organization committed to advocating for policies that increase the health and well-being of Minnesotans, this credit is vital for families and children who experience poverty or hardship, and data shows it creates real change.

When the federal government implemented the CTC, it reached the vast majority of families across the country who were eligible; helped reduce child poverty to the lowest levels on record; strengthened family budgets and reduced economic stress; lessened child and family hunger; and increased families' ability to meet their basic needs.

We know that child poverty, hunger, and housing instability deeply impact children's health. Nurses see these challenges daily and struggle to know that many of these children may experience continued health challenges, but their care often ends when they leave the hospital. The CTC allows families to provide the necessities for their children which reduces overall health spending and improves health outcomes.

This legislation is one of the most meaningful ways in which we can positively impact the lives of people in need across the state and MNA nurses proudly support the inclusion of this important work in the MN House tax omnibus bill. We hope that members of the committee will support this vital legislation.

Sincerely,

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