

Chair Aisha Gomez
Minnesota House Taxes Committee
453 State Office Building
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Minneapolis

April 18th, 2023

Dear Chair Gomez and Members of the House Taxes Committee,

YWCA Minneapolis is in strong support of a Child Tax Credit, and we thank you for prioritizing addressing child poverty in our state.

YWCA Minneapolis is one of over 200 local associations under YWCA USA all sharing the same mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and girls, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. We do this by:

- running three nonprofit health and wellness centers and
- five nonprofit early childhood education centers (serving ages 6 weeks to school aged);
- amplifying racial justice and advocacy education in the community;
- running one of the largest in-and out-of school time programs for girls and youth in the Twin Cities Metro; and
- supporting a workforce development training to support early learning teachers in their accreditation.

Our bold mission and the breadth of our work means that we are in community with children and families across identities in a variety of contexts. We can say, without a doubt, that for our ECE families, for our members, indeed for our own employees – that the federal child tax credit offered crucial supports for the care of our youngest Minnesotans as we navigated economic and public health uncertainties and renewed calls for racial justice centered in Minnesota in 2020 and beyond. A continued investment of \$1,000 per child in a Minnesota Child Tax Credit is an opportunity to showcase a collective intent for equitable outcomes for all of our residents. The inclusion of a Child Tax Credit in the Omnibus Tax Bill is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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