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## ***Support The District Child Tax Credit Act & The Financial Support for Families with Children Act***

April 19, 2023

The Honorable Chairperson Philip Mendelson  
The Honorable Committee Chair Kenyan McDuffie  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC. 20004

Subject: *Fund and Pass Guaranteed Income in Washington, DC:  
The District Child Tax Credit and the Financial Support for Families with Children Act*

Dear Council Chair Mendelson and Committee Chair McDuffie:

The Covid-19 pandemic laid bare and intensified the economic marginalization of Black and Latinx communities in Washington, D.C. and across the country. It's time we took bold action to address this. On behalf of the DC Guaranteed Income Coalition and the undersigned allies we request that you urge your colleagues on the D.C. Council and the Mayor to support a budget that makes a giant step to a permanent guaranteed income for the residents of the District of Columbia. More than 100 Guaranteed Income Demonstration Programs have grown up across the country in recent years. In 2022 Washington, D.C.'s publicly funded Strong Families Strong Futures guaranteed income program launched as one of these programs. The demand for guaranteed income in Washington, D.C. is so powerful that more than 1500 applicants sought spaces in this 132-person program.

We are calling on you to move us closer to a city where everyone lives above the federal poverty level, around \$20,000 for a two-parent family of four, US Census. About 23% of children in DC live below this basic standard of living. *We urge you to support our path to that critical landmark by passing the District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act of 2023 (DC CTC) and the Financial Support for Families with Children Act of 2023 (FSFC).*

### **Pass and Fund the District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act**

The District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act, which you co-introduced with Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker, would provide for up to 3 children, up to a \$500 per child tax credit to low-and-middle-income individuals making less than \$120,000 (and joint filers making up to \$175,000). MON (Mother's Outreach Network) is proud to have supported Policy Engine in their recent study, which analyzed the proposed District Child.



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