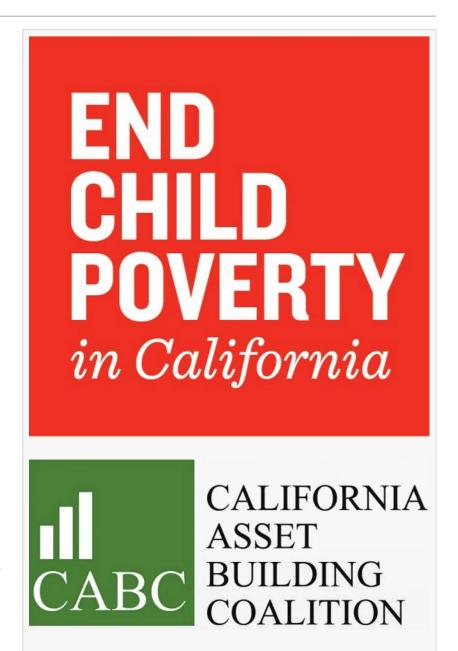


Statement from California's Anti-Poverty Coalitions Calling for Solutions that Provide Relief for Children and Families

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, March 28, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Throughout the pandemic, California's low-income families have borne the brunt of an ongoing economic fallout that, when combined with the exorbitant cost of housing, mounting inflation, and the stress of the Covid-19 pandemic, continues to push the state's most vulnerable to the brink. In the face of these challenges California has undertaken bold policies to meet families where they are at with the establishment of the Young Child Tax Credit and the Golden State Stimulus. These actions have directly helped millions during uncertain times and point a clear line to where we should focus our efforts again: getting cash into households that are hurting.

California can lead the nation by backfilling the loss of the federal Child Tax Credit (CTC). As it stands, a total of 7.8 million California children, or 86% of ALL children in California, are losing out since the CTC expansion stalled in December 2021 and 1.7 million of



them are falling back into poverty on our watch. Urgent action is required to reverse course for millions of children and families. Our coalitions urge Governor Newsom and the California Legislature to take action on the following items:

- Funding a one-time per-child tax credit payment for children living in poverty
- Funding dignified wages for child care providers and the removal of family fees
- A Golden State Stimulus III for families not able to benefit from other relief
- Establishing HOPE Accounts/Baby Bonds
- Funding the growth of Regional Community Networks
- Funding a wage replacement program for undocumented workers
- Ensuring CalWORKs is fair and funded



"Knowing that California children are falling back into poverty on our watch compels us to take action now," said Shimica Gaskins, President & CEO of GRACE & End Child Poverty CA. "We can



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do a lot with the billions of dollars the state has in additional revenues and children should be first on the list. The coalitions that have come together today believe that children must be nourished, respected, healthy, secure, and valued. We call on the Governor and California State Legislature to respond to this moment of action."

These policies are the most effective means in providing our most economically vulnerable families–disproportionately families of color–with the economic help they deserve. These actions would make

considerable progress in addressing the racial and gender wealth gap. We have the tools necessary to address the needs of our residents, we just need to use them.

<u>CalEITC Coalition Budget Letter</u> End Child Poverty Coalition Budget Letter

Organizations That Support This Statement:

End Child Poverty CA & GRACE United Ways of California Golden State Opportunity Children's Defense Fund California

Economic Security Project Action

The Children's Partnership

Alameda County Community Foodbank

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Alameda County Community Food Bank

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Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative

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California Immigrant Policy Center

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California Association of Food Banks

CAIR California

California Partnership

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton

California County of Welfare Rights Organizations

California Employment Lawyers Association

California Food and Farming Network

California Food Policy Advocates

California Industrial Areas Foundation

California Labor Federation

California Nurses Association

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

California Reinvestment Coalition

California Welfare Directors Association

California Women's Law Center

Centro Binacional para el Desarollo Indígena Oaxaqueño

Child Care Law Center

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Courage California

Dolores Huerta Foundation

Drug Policy Alliance

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Read more about the partner organizations involved:

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