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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman
House Ways & Means Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Chairman Crapo, and Chairman Smith,

As leaders in the pro-life community and part of the [Blueprint for Life Coalition](#), we urge you to prioritize the needs of children and families in the upcoming reconciliation package. With majorities in both chambers and a Republican President, you have an unprecedented opportunity to reorient our tax code to better serve families in our nation. We know an endless stream of priorities pull at your time and attention in a moment like this, but we argue that none is as pivotal for the long-term well-being of our nation as building a tax code that helps American families flourish. When American families are strong, America is strong, and we can all look to a future full of hope and prosperity.

It's a tough time to be a parent in America. Millions of low-income and working-class parents are straining against the ever-increasing costs of raising a child. Shifting cultural norms and polarization have created a perilous parenting environment. Polling consistently shows that one of the key reasons parents delay or fear childbearing, or even choose to have an abortion, is because of financial strain and related instability. This should not be the case. We need a culture that celebrates life and ensures families have the resources, opportunities, and environment needed to support their children.

While more than the action of government will be needed to affect change in this area, you have an important part to play in creating a financial environment that allows families to thrive. In this reconciliation package, we urge you to prioritize pro-family policy.

We ask that you prioritize the following policies:

1) **Expand the Child Tax Credit:** considerable Child Tax Credit (CTC) expansion that both makes up for value lost due to inflation and further expands the CTC to better provide flexible resources to parents. Republicans led the charge on CTC expansion during the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), and have consistently supported further expansion since.

2) **Extend Paid Family Leave:** Whether through a federal program, an expanded employer credit, or other means. Parents and employers will benefit tremendously from greater federal generosity and certainty with respect to paid leave, allowing millions of parents to stay connected to the workforce while providing their newborn with the kind of present, loving parenting that sets them up for a lifetime of flourishing. Republicans led the charge on the 45S tax credit - an employer-claimed credit offsetting up to 25 percent of wages paid to employees on paid leave - during the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), and should lead in this effort again.

3) **Include a Tax Credit for Pregnancy Resource Centers:** Pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) have helped vulnerable mothers and fathers facing unplanned pregnancies since the late 1960's. These centers were founded to provide pregnancy related resources and life-affirming support at a time when states were pushing to legalize abortion. Today, there are nearly 3,000 PRCs across the country offering a variety of services typically at no cost. The tax credit would help to spur greater private sector donations to support PRCs. These centers rely on the donations and time of individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women, children, and their families.

4) **Provide Immediate Economic Support to Parents at the Time of Birth:** There's nothing more pro-family than trying to soften the costs associated with welcoming a new child into the world. This includes smoothing over those periods of postpartum expenses, forgone income, and physical recovery for new mothers. If we want to help parents defray the cost of becoming parents, we should financially support them, and through reconciliation, Republicans can lead the way.

We urge you to make each one of these permanent realities. These policies are transformational *and popular across the political spectrum*. We urge you to seize this unique political moment, providing support to parents and children that will strengthen our nation for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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