



Well Beyond Medicine

January 29, 2024

Dear Representative,

On behalf of [Nemours Children's Health](#), thank you for your leadership on the *Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act*. We were pleased to see this bill advance through the House Ways & Means Committee on a bipartisan basis. We appreciate your dedication to finding a compromise and we particularly want to thank you for your commitment to ensuring critical expansions of the Child Tax Credit were included as part of this package.

Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, which includes two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of more than 70 primary and specialty care practices. Nemours Children's seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe, and high-quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours Children's also powers Nemours [KidsHealth.org](#), a pioneer and leader in pediatric health content that is visited by nearly 200 million people a year.

Nemours supports proposals to extend and meaningfully improve the Child Tax Credit. The provisions in the *Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act* are an important step forward to meaningfully reduce childhood poverty in the United States, with current [estimates](#) indicating about 400,000 children would be lifted out of poverty in the first year of expansion. Further, about 16 million children in low-income families are expected to benefit from the Child Tax Credit improvements in the first year, including nearly three million children under age three.

No other factor has a greater impact on the life trajectory of a child than poverty. The Committee's commitment to advancing an improved Child Tax Credit will make meaningful improvements to ensure the next generation of children can achieve better health and well-being, and ultimately thrive. The importance of these policies cannot be understated.

Thank you for your commitment to this issue. We look forward to working with Congress to ensure the *Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act* is signed into law to meet the needs of our nation's children. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Daniella.Gratala@nemours.org or Casey.Osgood@nemours.org with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kara Odom Walker".

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