



June 29, 2010

Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

When Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) last year, it included improvements to two tax credits that provide significant help to low- and moderate-income Minnesota working families. These improvements are helping struggling working Minnesota families to make ends meet. They also provide powerful incentives that promote work, self-reliance and parental responsibility. Putting more money in the pockets of working families also helps stimulate our local economy, as these families pay for food, clothing, housing and other basic needs. But unless Congress acts, these tax credit improvements will expire at the end of this year.

The Recovery Act expanded the number of Minnesota families eligible for the Child Tax Credit and provided a larger tax credit for many families. The Recovery Act also provided a larger Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for working families with three or more children and for some families headed by married couples.

**We strongly support these improvements to the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit and we urge you to vote to make these improvements permanent. They make a real difference to Minnesota families.**

- **Child Tax Credit (CTC)** – Approximately 156,000 Minnesota children have been helped by the improvements to the CTC, which brought an additional \$126 million to Minnesota families. The Recovery Act made it easier for families to qualify for the Child Tax Credit. But unless the current law is extended, for example, a single mother raising two children and working full-time at the minimum wage will see her tax credit cut next year by \$1,500.
- **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** – Approximately 102,000 Minnesota households have benefitted from EITC improvements for families with three or more children or headed by married couples, bringing an additional \$51 million to Minnesota families.

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Congress is likely to extend tax cuts for middle-class taxpayers. Similarly, Congress should also extend the improvements to the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Please vote to permanently extend these tax credit improvements to help struggling working families, to encourage work and to stimulate Minnesota's economy.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and the following organizations:

Admission Possible, Saint Paul	Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau, Inc., Forest Lake
Affirmative Options Coalition, Saint Paul	Legal Services Advocacy Project, Saint Paul
African Community Services, Minneapolis	Local Initiatives Support Coalition-Duluth, Duluth
AFSCME Local 96 Duluth, Duluth	Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Saint Paul
Alexandra House, Inc., Blaine	Minnesota AFL-CIO, Saint Paul
Anna Marie's Alliance, Saint Cloud	Minnesota Child Care Association, Saint Paul
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia	Minnesota Citizens for Tax Justice, Saint Paul
CAPI USA, Minneapolis	Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Saint Paul
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Community Action Duluth, Duluth	National Alliance on Mental Illness Southeast MN, Rochester
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Domestic Abuse Project, Minneapolis	National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Minneapolis and St. Paul Sections, Minneapolis
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