THE STRONG FAMILIES TAX CREDIT

Louisiana has the second-highest child poverty rate in the nation, with more than 1 in 4 children living below the federal poverty line. Communities of color experience child poverty at an even higher rate, with 43% of Louisiana’s Black children living below the poverty line. Failing to ensure that households have what they need to support their children results in poor health outcomes, lower educational attainment and lower wages as adults. These outcomes become very expensive to the tune of $1.1 trillion each year. A strong child tax credit can help alleviate child poverty and the outcomes that come with it. By helping families meet the needs of their children in the short term, we can improve their children’s long-term success.

The Strong Families Tax Credit would provide a refundable credit of $200 to $500 per child each year. The size of the credit would vary based on the age of a child and family income, with the biggest benefits going to the youngest children and households with the lowest incomes.

THE COSTS OF CHILD POVERTY

- Child poverty costs the American economy $1.2 trillion annually
- Children in poverty are twice as likely to suffer mental and physical health issues than peers above the poverty line
- Children in poverty typically finished two fewer years of schooling than their peers
- Children in poverty earned less than half as much in adulthood than their peers

THE STRONG FAMILIES TAX CREDIT WOULD:

- Help families put more nutritious food on the table
- Boost test scores
- Increase college enrollment rates
- Improve infant and maternal health
- Help families afford necessities like car repairs or public transit so they can keep working
THE STRONG FAMILIES TAX CREDIT MEANS MORE MONEY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The Strong Families Tax Credit gives Louisiana's low-and-middle-income families a helping hand with expenses like childcare, housing and education. Helping Louisiana families have what they need to thrive also boosts local economies, as these households are more likely to spend money locally.

94% of the Strong Families Tax Credit would go to families making less than $55K per year.

888,000 LOUISIANA CHILDREN WILL BENEFIT FROM THE STRONG FAMILIES TAX CREDIT

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White-Headed Households: 550,560 Children
Black-Headed Households: 248,640 Children
Hispanic-Headed Households: 44,400 Children
Asian-Headed Households: 17,760 Children

*The Strong Families Tax Credit will allocate $660,000 to American Indian households in Louisiana but a child count is not able to be calculated due to the small population.