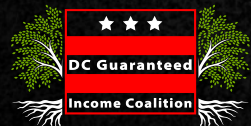


DCTC Toolkit Presentation Template (January 4th, 2024 Planning Session)

Pursuing a Permanent Guaranteed
Income in Washington, D.C.

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INTRODUCTIONS

Please tell us:

- Your Name
- Your pronoun(s)
- Your neighborhood/organization/affiliation
- Why are you here?

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AGENDA

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- ▶▶ Closing
- ▶▶ Upcoming Events

MISSION

- To mobilize, conduct research, and advocate with officials to change the narrative and connect basic income to racial economic justice
- To build a permanent, guaranteed income program in Washington, DC
- To preserve existing social insurance and safety net programs
- To build a solidarity economy that cares and liberates individuals and families to live their lives with dignity and agency
- To eradicate poverty in DC through pilots and policy
- To advance health equity by addressing poverty as a social determinant of health.



#PassTheDCTC Campaign



Testify to support the passage of the District Child Tax Credit (Bill 25-190)

In March, 2023, Ward 5 DC Councilmember Zachary Parker introduced the District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act of 2023 (DCTC), which was referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development, chaired by At-Large Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie. The bill has **9 co-sponsors** of the 13 members of the DC Council, and **a hearing on the bill will take place on Wednesday, January 24th at 10am**. It's time to testify to make this bill a reality and get DC closer to ending child poverty!

Beginning in 2026, if passed into law, the bill would:

- Provide households with a refundable credit of up to \$500 per child for up to three children under the age of 17.
- Begin phasing out at \$100,000 for single filers and \$145,000 for joint filers at a rate of \$20 for each \$1,000 over the threshold.
- Cost roughly \$27 million annually, or **.001% of the District's FY24 budget**.

The bill would **reduce child poverty in Washington, D.C. by roughly 5%**.

- It would create a foundation to build off of that could cut child poverty in DC still further.
- Paired with the D.C.'s existing "Baby Bonds" program, it would represent a meaningful investment in closing the District's racial wealth gaps for the next generation.

Child Tax Credits are a proven, effective, and efficient way to reduce child poverty and the harms that come with it.

How do we know it works?

The 2021 federal expanded CTC. In 2021 the federal Child Tax Credit was expanded and reformed as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. The changes included:

- Making the credit fully refundable, so that families with very low or no income could receive it,
- Raising the value of the credit from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for children between 6-17 and \$3,600 for children under six, and
- Allowing families to receive their credit as a monthly payment between June-December, 2021.

What was the impact of the federal expanded CTC?

The impacts were remarkable. During the nine months the expanded CTC was in effect:

- It reached roughly 65,000 low- and moderate- income families with 99,000 children in the District of Columbia.
- It lifted 8,000 D.C. children out of poverty, cutting DC's child poverty by more than 25%.
- It meaningfully advanced racial equity. Approximately two-thirds of the children who benefited in D.C. were Black.
- Families were able to reduce their reliance on high cost financial services (like payday loans) and credit card debt, and experienced significantly lower levels of food and housing insecurity, among many other benefits.
- Each \$1 in CTC payments generated \$1.25 in local economic activity, as parents used the funds to purchase goods and services at local businesses.
- Since the end of the expanded CTC, almost all of the reduction in child poverty has been erased. **This is an extraordinary tragedy.**

The DCTC's Time Has Come: Growing Momentum

Though the expanded CTC has been allowed to expire, it created renewed interest and momentum at both the federal and state levels to relieve child poverty through the use of CTCs. A bill to permanently restore the expansion currently has 209 cosponsors. **Since 2021, nine states have created their own fully-refundable CTCs, and two others have expanded existing ones.**

The DC Guaranteed Income Coalition calls on the DC Council to pass the DCTC into law! bit.ly/RegisterfortheDCTCHearing2024

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Sign up to testify for the DCTC!

Public hearing on
Wed., Jan 24th @ 10 AM



Sign-On!

Support The District Child Tax Credit Act & The Financial Support for Families with Children Act

April 19, 2023

The Honorable Chairperson Philip Mendelson
The Honorable Committee Chair Kenyan McDuffie
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC. 20004

Subject: *Fund and Pass Guaranteed Income in Washington, DC:
The District Child Tax Credit and the Financial Support for Families with Children Act*

Dear Council Chair Mendelson and Committee Chair McDuffie:

The Covid-19 pandemic laid bare and intensified the economic marginalization of Black and Latinx communities in Washington, D.C. and across the country. It's time we took bold action to address this. On behalf of the DC Guaranteed Income Coalition and the undersigned allies we request that you urge your colleagues on the D.C. Council and the Mayor to support a budget that makes a giant step to a permanent guaranteed income for the residents of the District of Columbia. More than 100 Guaranteed Income Demonstration Programs have grown up across the country in recent years. In 2022 Washington, D.C.'s publicly funded Strong Families Strong Futures guaranteed income program launched as one of these programs. The demand for guaranteed income in Washington, D.C. is so powerful that more than 1500 applicants sought spaces in this 132-person program.

We are calling on you to move us closer to a city where everyone lives above the federal poverty level, around \$20,000 for a two-parent family of four, US Census. About 23% of children in DC live below this basic standard of living. *We urge you to support our path to that critical landmark by passing the District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act of 2023 (DC CTC) and the Financial Support for Families with Children Act of 2023 (FSFC).*

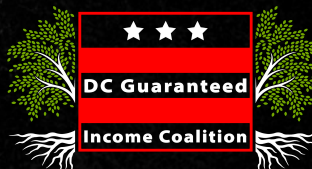
Pass and Fund the District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act

The District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act, which you co-introduced with Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker, would provide for up to 3 children, up to a \$500 per child tax credit to low-and-middle-income individuals making less than \$120,000 (and joint filers making up to \$175,000). MON (Mother's Outreach Network) is proud to have supported Policy Engine in their recent study, which analyzed the proposed District Child.



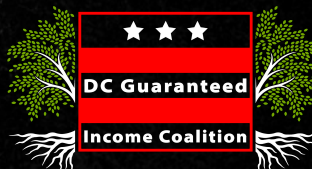
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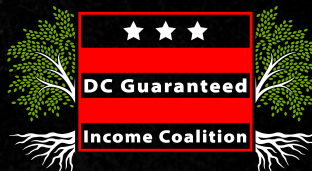
District Child Tax Credit (B25-190) & Financial Support for Families with Children Acts (B25-0232)

Policy parameter	District Child Tax Credit	Financial Support for Families with Children
Amount per child	\$500	\$1,000
Maximum child age	16	16
Phase-out start	\$100,000 (single) \$145,000 (joint)	\$10,000 (single) \$20,000 (joint)
Phase-out rate	2%	10%
Start year	2026	2024
Child cap	3	None
Residency requirement	One year prior to filing	None

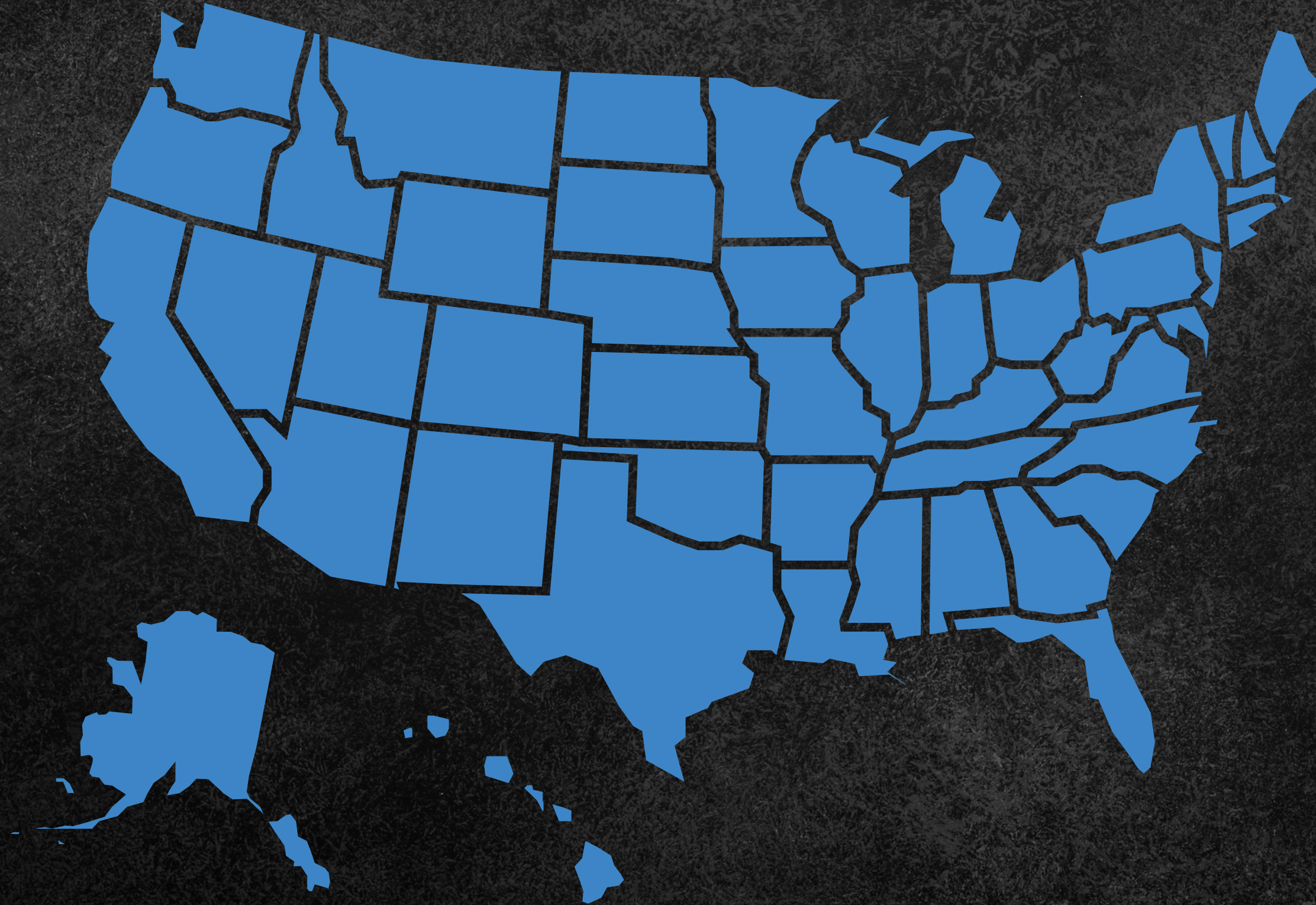


Comparing DCTCA and FSFFWCA

PolicyEngine impact (2023)	District Child Tax Credit	Financial Support for Families with Children
Cost	\$27 million	\$27 million
Poverty impact	1.3%	1.3%
Child poverty impact	5.2%	5.2%
Inequality impact (Gini)	0.2%	0.3%
Population reached	20%	10%



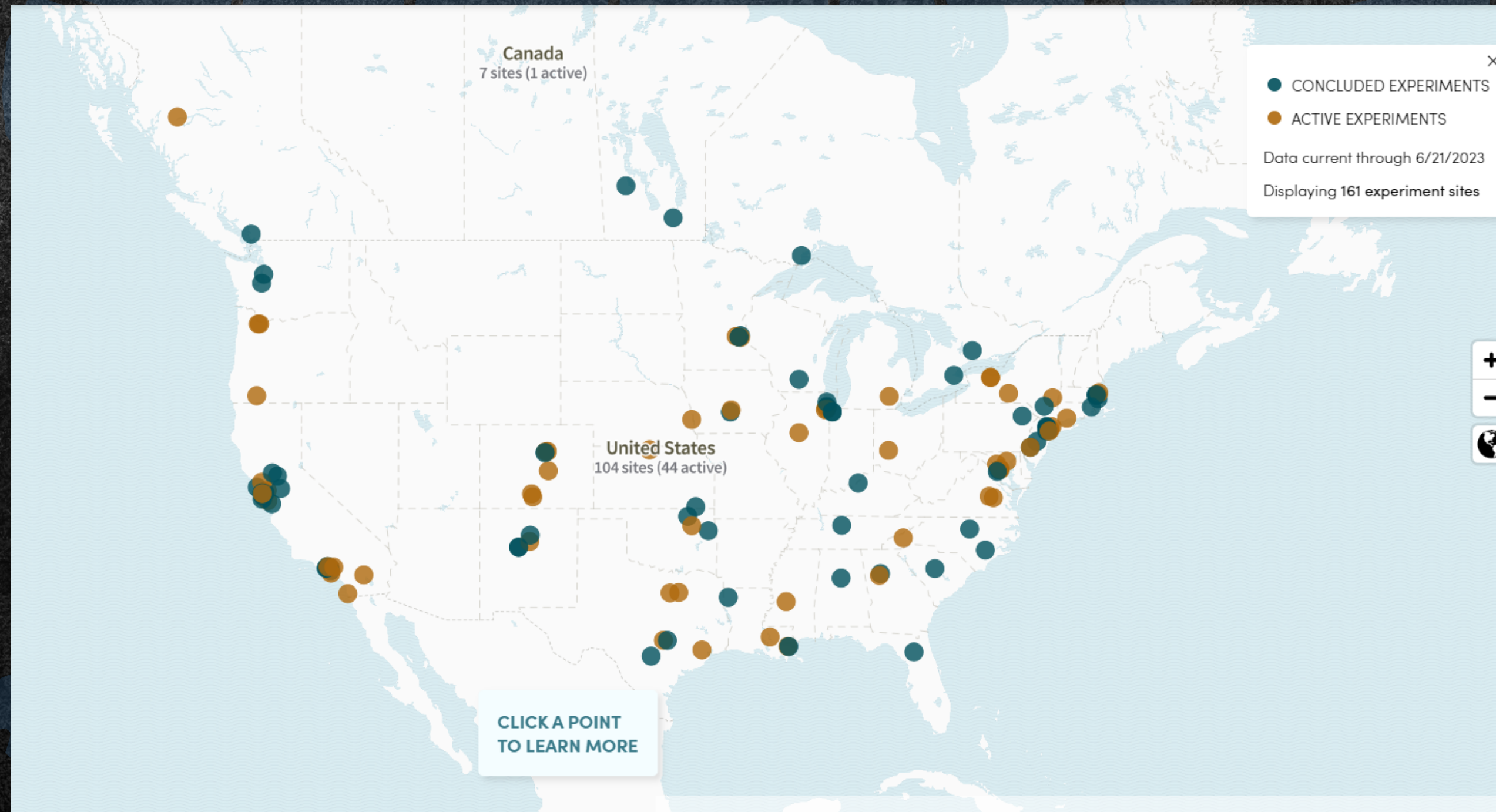
Guaranteed Income Pilots and Policy Across the US



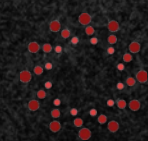
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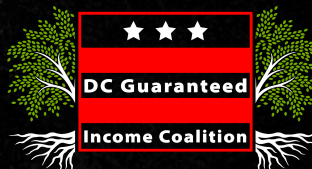
The US has hosted 104 GI Experiments



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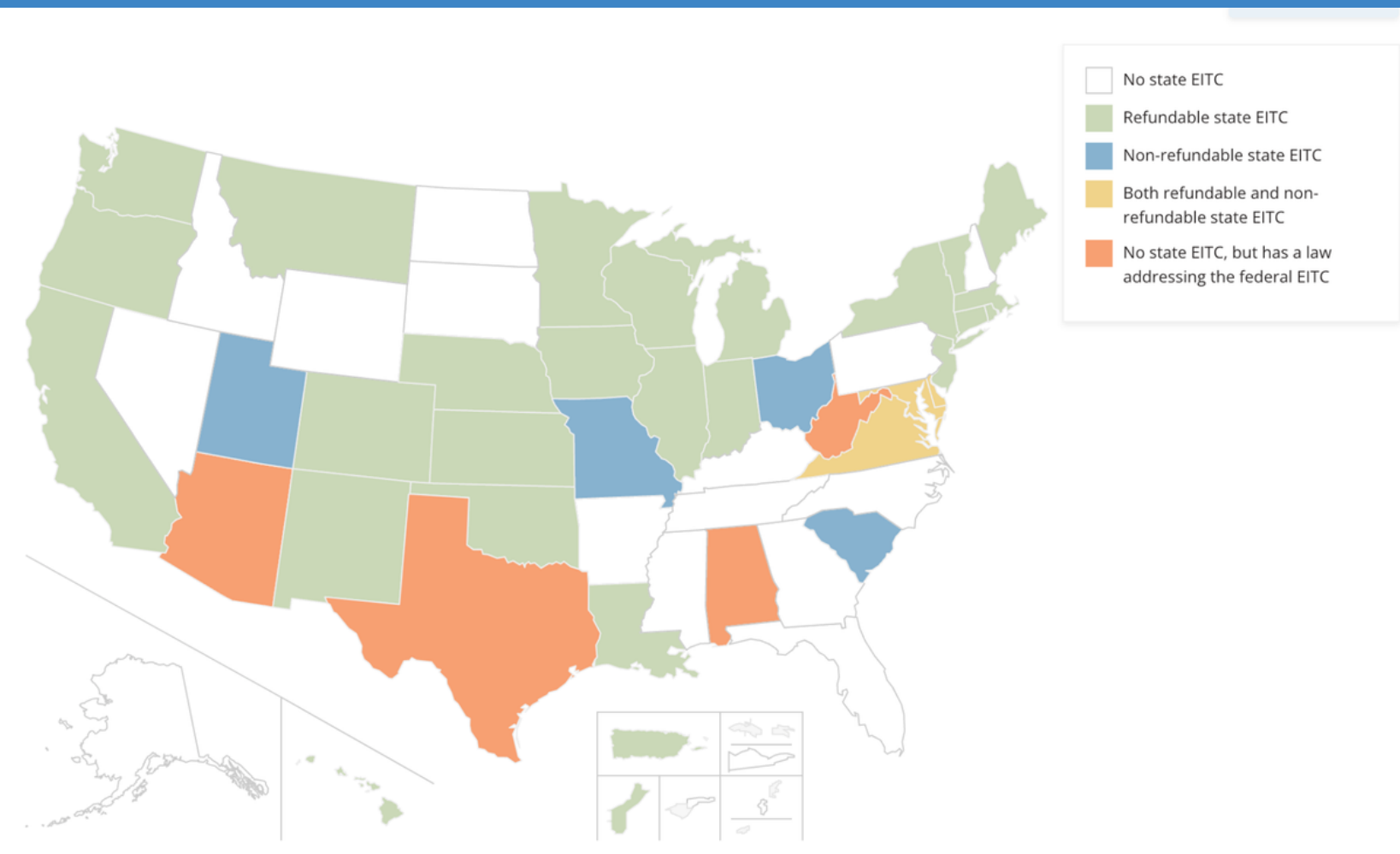


Source: Stanford Basic Income Lab



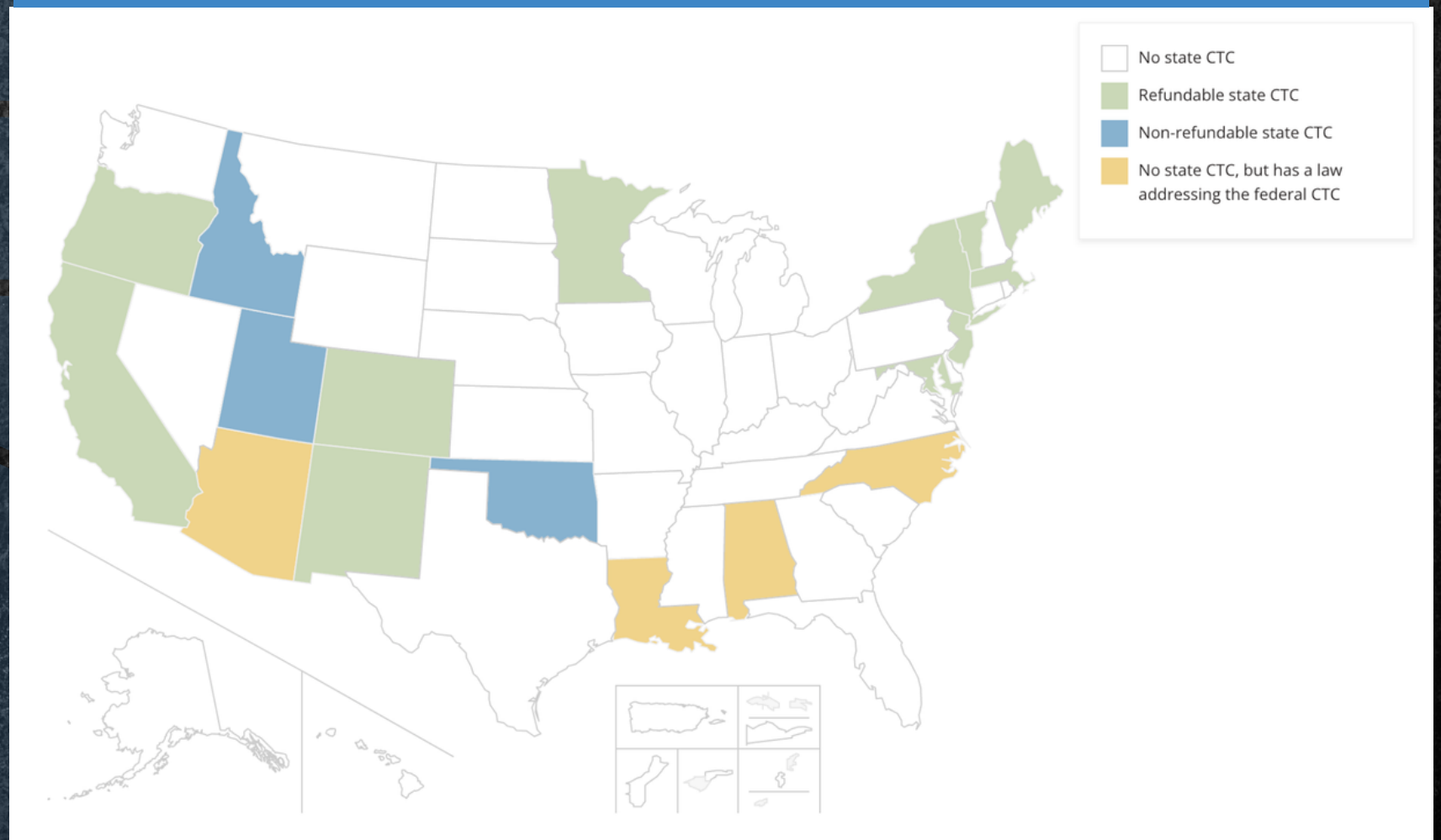
Most states have an EITC or CTC

Earned Income Tax Credit 31 states and DC



Source: NCSL

Child Tax Credit 14 states



Source: NCSL

Viewing GI through inclusivity & cliffs

Does the program
include the poorest
children?

Does the program
make anyone worse off
for earning more?

Policy  Engine

MEETING GOALS

Pass the DCTC Legislation

- Recruit people to sign up to testify
- Recruit people who want to organize other people to testify
- Spread the word about our upcoming trainings, sign folks up
 - Conduct outreach to Councilmembers*
 - Review structure and presenters
 - Increase social media engagement
- Initiate and show up at DCTC-related actions

Guaranteed Income: *Black Men Need It Too!* | Jan 29th meeting

- Share updates and assist with outreach (Contact: Dia & Dominic)

Volunteers

Recruit volunteer to do the following:

- Assist with testimony prep, digital communications/admin. tasks and making calls
 - Follow up with Councilmembers after the hearing
 - Tracki and submit testimony (Contact Allegra)
- Assist with social media action (Contact: Deja and other org reps)



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Next Steps?

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ORGANIZATIONS *supporting*

The District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act of 2023 (Bill 25-0190)

- DC Guaranteed Income Coalition
- Mother's Outreach Network
- Bread for the City
- Brookland Manor Brentwood Village Residents' Association
- The Council @ Park Morton
- DC Action
- DC Fiscal Policy Institute
- DC Statehood Green Party
- Empower DC
- Every Mother is a Working Mother Network
- Give Us Back Our Children
- Global Women's Strike
- Legal Aid DC
- LIFT
- Mamatoto Village
- ONE DC
- Rebuilding The Community
- ROC DC
- Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid
- SPACES in Action
- SW DC Action
- US PROStitutes Collective
- Women of Color in the Global Women's Strike

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ORGANIZATIONAL Signatories



DCTC TEACH-IN AGENDA TEMPLATE

Basic overview of the DCTC/Background on the CTC
(DCGIC has a template. Others?)

Details of the Hearing and Training Opportunities

Drafting Testimony

Testimony Kit (template & model testimony)

Community Member Tips on Testifying



THANK YOU

FOR JOINING US

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