





Support for District Child Tax Credit Amendment Act and the Financial Support for Families with Children Amendment Act

Target: District of Columbia City Council

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.

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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.

PETITION BY



Dc Coalition

Washington, District of

Columbia

To: District of Columbia City Council From: [Your Name]

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

CC:

At-Large Councilmember Anita Bonds
At-Large Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.
At-Large Councilmember Christina Henderson
Ward 1 Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau
Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto
Ward 3 Councilmember Matthew Frumin
Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George

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WHO ARE SIGNING ON BEHALF OF? *

- I am signing for myself, as an individual.
- I am signing on behalf of my organization.
- Other

ARE YOU AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF YOUR ORGANIZATION? *

- Yes, I am authorized to sign on behalf of my organization.
- No, I am not authorized to sign on behalf of my organization.
- I am not signing on behalf of an organization.

DO YOU SUPPORT THE FULL SIGN-ON LETTER, OR ONLY THE SPECIFIC LEGISLATION MENTIONED? *

I am signing ...

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? *

- O Not signing as an individual
- O DC Resident, Ward 1

Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker
Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen
Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent C. Gray
Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

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 (https://d.docs.live.net/05dab815c2c34b93/Docu ments/A%20%20%20%20MOTHERS%20OUTR EACH%20EVERYTHING/report%20with%20a%2 0status%20update%20on%20the%20program,%

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20that%20we%20submitted%20to%20DC%20Co uncil:%20https:/lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/RC 24-0241) for guaranteed income in Washington DC is so powerful that more than 1500 applicants sought spaces in this 132-person program.[1]

We are calling on you to move us closer to a city where everyone lives above the federal poverty level, around \$30,000 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).[2]

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 PolicyEngine in their recent study (https://policyengine.org/us/blog/2023-04-02-district-child-tax-credit), which analyzed the proposed District Child Tax Credit (DCTC) and its potential impacts on families in DC. The study estimated that if fully adopted, the DCTC would

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- No, I am not authorized to sign on behalf of my organization.
- O I am not signing on behalf of an organization.

 DO YOU SUPPORT THE FULL SIGN-ON LETTER, OR ONLY THE SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

 MENTIONED?
- I am signing on to everything in the letter, including both the call for guaranteed income and the specific legislation mentioned.
- O I am only signing on to support the two pieces of legislation mentioned ((1) the Child Tax Credit Amendment Act and Pass and (2) the Financial Support for Families with Children Amendment Act).

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Not signing as an individual reach 20% of the DC population and reduce child poverty.

Additionally, the DCTC's design, which features a gradual phase-out structure, sets it apart from other DC programs and may contribute to mitigating benefit cliffs for participants in public benefit programs. This welfare protection is crucial for Black mothers and their families, as they often face multiple barriers in accessing resources and support.

We urge the DC Council to pass the DCTC quickly and amend the legislation to begin sooner than 2026, so that the benefits reach those who need them most without further delay.

Pass and Fund the Financial Support for Families with Children Amendment Act

The Financial Support for Families with Children (FSFC) Amendment Act of 2023, also introduced by DC Councilmember Zachary Parker, is a proposed tax credit that could provide substantial financial relief to families in the District of Columbia. MON is proud to have supported the new study that evaluates the impact of this proposal, specifically its potential to reduce Black poverty rates in DC.

According to the findings of PolicyEngine's recent MON-supported study

(https://policyengine.org/us/blog/dc-financialsupport-for-families-with-children), the FSFC would reach 10% of the DC population and would O DC Resident, Ward 1 O DC Resident, Ward 2 O DC Resident, Ward 3 DC Resident, Ward 4 O DC Resident, Ward 5 O DC Resident, Ward 6 O DC Resident, Ward 7 O DC Resident, Ward 8 O DC Resident, not sure of ward Would prefer not to say Other Comments ADD YOUR NAME You may receive email updates from Dc Coalition, the

creator of this petition.

Edit Subscription Preferences reduce child poverty in DC by 5%. Along with the District Child Tax Credit, these two tax credits would make a meaningful impact on Black and other households of color in the District.

Its design pursues a more targeted approach and a faster phase-out rate, setting it apart from other DC programs and may contribute to providing targeted support to low-income families. Further, this program stands in the gap for residents with no income and do not qualify for federal income tax. It is imperative we give people that don't work a path for economic inclusion. This is crucial for Black mothers and their families, as they often face multiple barriers in accessing resources and support.

In conjunction with the DCTC, the FSFC has the potential to create a comprehensive support system for Black mothers and their families in the District, addressing economic challenges and diverse community needs. We urge the DC Council to immediately pass this legislation and ensure the benefits reach those who need them most, complementing the District Child Tax Credit (DCTC) and addressing the pressing issue of Black child poverty in DC.

Support The "Solution to Poverty": Guaranteed Income.

In 1968, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King called guaranteed income "the solution to poverty": It puts impactful, unconditional, monthly payments

in the hands of those of us who need it most. It is time for the DC Council and the DC Mayor to support guaranteed income for all DC residents.

Joining Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI) is one compelling step toward tackling the staggering poverty and economic inequality that has plagued the District and prevented universal economic growth in our city. We have gathered nearly 1,500 signatures on our petition seeking the support of Mayor Bowser, most of them through citywide street canvasses. We also ask that the DC Council sign a petition to urge the Mayor to join with the coalition of over 100 US mayors. Join us and sign our petition here: https://mothersoutreachnetwork.org/sign-our-petition/

Beginning in 2021, the following Organizations signed on to the 2021 Guaranteed Income Coalition Petition for the Mayor to Join the 100+ Mayors in the Mayors for A Guaranteed Income Coalition.

- Bread for the City
- Brookland Manor Coalition
- DC Action
- DC Statehood Green Party
- EmpowerDC
- LIFT-DC
- One DC
- ROC-DC
- Save Us Now
- Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid

- Southeast Ministry
- SW DC Action
- THRIVE East of the River
- DC Fiscal Policy Institute

In 2023, we ask you to join this new effort to pass guaranteed income legislation in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

SIGNATORIES TO THE LEGISLATION

Organizational Signatories

DC Action

Individual Signatories

Max Ghenis, President, UBI Center

SIGNATORIES TO THE FULL LETTER

Organizational Signatories

DC Guaranteed Income Coalition

Bread for the City

The Council @ Park Morton

DC Fiscal Policy Institute

DC Statehood Green Party

Empower DC

Every Mother is a Working Mother Network

Give Us Back Our Children Network

Global Women's Strike

Khadijah Williams, National Director, Policy and

Advocacy, LIFT Inc

LaDon Love, Executive Director, SPACEs in

Action

Mamatoto Village

Maurice Cook, Executive Director/Lead

Organizer, Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid

Minnie Elliott, Brookland Manor Brentwood

Village Residents' Association

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ONE DC

Party for Socialism & Liberation - DC

Rachel West, US PROStitutes Collective

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ROC DC

SW DC Action

Women of Color in the Global Women's Strike



Lee la Petición Traducida al Español

La alcaldesa Bowser debería unirse a otros alcaldes para abogar por un Ingreso Garantizado

Objetivo: Alcaldesa Muriel Bowser

La pandemia de COVID-19 ha expuesto y exacerbado las divisiones económicas en la sociedad estadounidense. Los alcaldes de varias ciudades, incluida Atlanta, se han registrado para trabajar por un ingreso mínimo garantizado. El Ingreso Garantizado, también conocido como Ingreso Básico Universal, son pagos directos en efectivo disponibles para todos para garantizar que todos puedan satisfacer sus necesidades básicas. Le pedimos a la alcaldesa Bowser que también se registre para esta iniciativa.

Puede obtener más información aquí 🗹

PETICIÓN DE



DC Coalition [2]

Washington, Distrito de Columbia

A: Alcaldesa Muriel Bowser

De: [Su nombre]

Considerando que las políticas de ingresos garantizados tienen como objetivo garantizar la seguridad económica básica y la dignidad de las personas a través de pagos directos en efectivo, similar a un programa de estímulo recurrente. El Ingreso Básico Universal proporcionaría pagos a todos, independientemente de sus ingresos. Los programas piloto en Washington DC están proporcionando pagos a varios cientos de residentes por tiempo limitado;

Considerando que la pandemia de Covid-19 ha expuesto y exacerbado las desigualdades raciales de larga data en D.C.;

Considerando que antes de la pandemia, 1 de cada 4 residentes negros de DC vivía en la pobreza: al igual que el 13% de los residentes latinos y el 6.4% de los blancos no hispanos;

Considerando que antes de la pandemia, el 26% de los niños en DC vivían en la pobreza, siendo la mayor parte de color;

Considerando que las comunidades inmigrantes comprenden el 15 por ciento de la población de DC, que durante la pandemia, las mujeres inmigrantes perdieron sus trabajos a una tasa desproporcionada de hasta el 18.5 en el cierre, y al 8.4% frente al 5.8% de las mujeres nacidas en los EE. UU. en diciembre;

Considerando que los hogares negros de D.C. tienen 13.5 veces más probabilidades de informar que experimentan cierta inseguridad alimentaria que los hogares blancos de D.C.;

Considerando que, antes de la pandemia, en promedio, el 35% de las familias negras encabezadas por madres solteras estaban empobrecidas, al igual que el 34% de los hogares encabezados por latinas; y 22% de hogares encabezados por mujeres asiáticas;

Considerando que las mujeres negras y latinas poseen responsabilidades de cuidado desproporcionadamente mayores, trabajan en empleos peor pagados que sus contrapartes; experimentan inseguridad en salud; son trabajadoras desproporcionadamente esenciales; y debido al Covid-19, entre febrero y abril de 2020, el 18.8 % de las trabajadoras negras perdieron su trabajo y el 20% de las mujeres latinas quedaron desempleadas;

Considerando que las mujeres sufrieron 140,000 pérdidas de empleo en diciembre de 2020;

Considerando que el 41% de los negocios de propiedad de negros se cerraron debido a la pandemia, y el 17% de los de propiedad de blancos;

Considerando que el Covid-19 y el alivio económico a largo plazo se necesitan desesperadamente en Washington, D.C., le instamos a usted, alcaldesa, a que tome medidas sobre el Ingreso Básico Universal;

Y considerando que las medidas de respuesta a la pandemia, como la Ley Cares, probablemente sean responsables de que haya miles de personas menos en la pobreza;

Le solicitamos que, como alcaldesa de Washington D.C.

- 1. Se una a otros alcaldes por un ingreso garantizado (https://www.mayorsforagi.org/);
- 2. Cree una comisión para estudiar el Ingreso Básico Universal para Washington D.C.; y
- 3. Como miembro de Alcaldes por un Ingreso Garantizado, afirme su apoyo a la Declaración de Principios del grupo, que son:
- Abogar por un ingreso garantizado a nivel local, estatal y federal.
- Invertir en esfuerzos de cambio narrativo para resaltar las experiencias vividas de inseguridad económica.
- Invitar a otras ciudades a unirse a nosotros en nuestros esfuerzos y brindar asistencia técnica y apoyo financiero para nuevos pilotos.

FIRMA ESTA PETICION

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- Es posible que reciba actualizaciones por correo electrónico de *Dc Coalition*,creadores de esta petición.

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